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COUNTY HIGHWAYS CONTAINED IN THE PLAN FOR STATE IMPROVEMENT

State Highway Commissioner Bigelow Expected Through Charleroi on Tour

THINGS ARE "BALLED UP"

Taxpayers are Wanting to Know Why the Commissioners Were in Haste to Hand Out County Money

One of these days Edward M. Bigelow, State Highway Commissioner will come motoring through Charleroi in his 90-horsepower automobile. Commissioner Bigelow has equipped himself with this machine in order to make an inspection of the 8,000 miles of State Highway he has been appointed by Governor Tener to construct, and his route will lead him through Charleroi, which is on the line of the highways to be constructed and maintained by the State in accordance with the plans promoted by Governor Tener.

Incidentally it may be stated that the new State plan calls for the improvement of 296 main highways, approximating 8,000 miles. Of these 11 of the highways are in Washington county, five of which touch Charleroi. The 11 routes which pass through the county will have a mileage within the county limits of 217 miles. The construction of these roads will cose the Senate between $3,500,000 and $4,000,000. These routes touch 29 of the 33 townships in the county. Not only will Washington and the most important towns of the county be connected with Charleroi by State improved roads, but all the important towns of Allegheny, Westmoreland, Fayette and Greene counties as well. In these routes will be included the much desired river boulevard.

Although not much is being said over at the county seat, it is quite evident as the provisions of the new State Highway plan are becoming known by the public the county commissioners are beginning to feel somewhat uneasy over their political play in getting the grand jury to approve the construction of county roads to the amount of $857,414 this spring. The fact that the State proposes to expend in the neighborhood of $4,000,000 in Washington county alone in road construction is causing the people to inquire if the commissioners weren't somewhat previous in their action. The changes in the road laws by the recent Legislature have to a considerable extent "balled up" things for the commissioners, and they hardly known where they are at. Some of their roads interfere with the State plan, and the taxpayers are wanting to know why the commissioners were in haste to hand out the county money to head off the State in the construction of roads within the county limits.

Another feature that has just come to light is that many of the townships have been willing and anxious to co-operate in road construction. As the passage of the new State Highway law repealed the old Sproul law, 86 petitions for State aid roads embracing the construction of 225 miles of roads were abrogated. These petitions were presented by various townships within the county, which expressed their willingness to aid in road construction. It is now apparent to the taxpayers that the commissioners made a blunder in petitioning for the expenditure by the county alone of $857.000 for roads, when the State proposes to spend nearly $4,000,000 in the county for building 217 miles of roads, and the townships were willing to put up their share for building 225 miles more.

Still another matter is engaging the attention of the public, and that is, what are the commissioners going to do about the road contracts they have let which are in the State plan. This puts them in rather an awkward situation. They are paying county money for building roads which the State offers to build without costing the county a cent and maintain besides. It is stated that the commissioners expect to get a rebate from the State for the roads they are building in the State plan, but this is merely supposition. It will depend upon Commissioner Bigelow to a large extent as to what rebate will be permitted, if any, and it is a safe prediction that the county will not escape a considerable cost in the operation.

At the present time road conditions in the county are somewhat muddled. Those counties which have pushed the Sproul law construction to its utmost will benefit most by the new State Highway law. The provision for cooperation by counties and townships with State aid are ample, and the Flinn law as has been proven in Washington county is most burdensome to taxpayers for road construction in a rural county. It was designed for Allegheny county, and Washington is the only other county in the State to try the costly experiment of the county undertaking to build roads in a strictly rural section.

Frank Mangan has returned from Georgia, and South Carolina where he has been employed for some months.

Three Persons Are Injured

Collision on Pittsburg-Charleroi Line Through Mix-up Signals

Three persons were injured and about 50 passengers on one of the cars were badly shaken up in a head-on collision between two Pittsburg-Charleroi cars Nos 3619 and 3660, near Castle Channon about 5 o'clock Wednesday evening.

The Injured

James Hiscox, conductor, body bruised and face scratched by flying glass; not serious.

Mrs. A. F. King, Monongahela; face cut by glass.

Joseph Boyer, cashier of the First National Bank of Finleyville; slightly hurt..

Both car fronts were demolished. The accident was due to a mixup in signals. Mrs. King was on her way to Pittsburg and she continued her journey. Conductor Hiscox came to Charleroi where he had his injuries dressed Traffic was delayed fully an hour. Car No. 3660 was in charge of Motorman John Dick and Conductor Hiscox. Car No. 3660 gas in charge of Motorman John R. Phillips and Conductor John R. Crouse.

SLIGHT DECREASE IN COAL TRADE FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS

Comparison of Half Year Period of 1911 With That of 1910 Shows Latter Somewhat Better

Coal shipments for the first six months period of 1911, closing June 30, did not total up as well as those of last year, according to Lock No. 4 reports, owing to comparatively slack business. June itself, with a total shipment of only 8,176,000 bushels. fell away behind the average for the month. For the first six months the total was 94,489,000 bushels, which compared with the total for the first six months of last year of 95,490,000 shows a decrease of 1,001.000 bushels.

Comparative figures for the various months in 1911 and 1910 follow:

1911	
January	17,067,000
February	18,198,000
March	19,552,000
April	15,962,000
May	15,533,000
June	8,176,000
Total	94,489,000

1910	
January	15,158,000
February	16,524,000
March	19,405,000
April	5,607,000
May	18.597,000
June	20,199,000
Total	95,490,000

During June pasenger trade was heavy through the lock, there being 2,055 pasengers going up and 243 down Lockages down stream were 158 and up stream 463. Sand and gravel shipments up river were heavy, sand amounting to 12,000 bushels and 98,500 bushels of gravel pasing up stream. Considerable lumber was also shipped southward. The rainfall during the month was 4.70.

TWO DROWINGS OCCUR; YOUTH NARROWLY ESCAPES

Unknown Foreigner Finds Watery Grave in Monongahela River Across From Eighth Street, Charleroi

SWIMMER GETS CRAMPS WHILE FAR OUT

One man was drowned in the Monongahela river and an 18-year-old youth had a narrow escape here Wednesday while seeking relief from the intense heat At Monongahela Andrew Cozig a Slav 32 years old was drowned while bathing. Accidents and deaths occurred all over the country, either directly or indirectly due to the heat

At about 6 o'clock Wednesday evening four unknown foreigners went in bathing in the river across from Eighth street. Hardly had they got in until one of them who was unable to swim, went down over an offset. His companions were unable to extend him any aid and he was drowned. All of them live at Monessen. Divers were busy until late at night trying to recover the body but without avail. This morning others were searching but up until about noon the body had not been found.

While bathing in the river near Maple creek Thursday afternoon Earle Wagner, of Charleroi was seized with cramps and it was only by the timely arrival of Charles Hott that he was prevented from drowning. Wagner and two smaller boys were out in the river probably 300 yards pushing a log when the youth took cramps in the left leg and lost his grip on the log. Panic stricken the two boys screamed for help. Charles Hott heard them from shore and rushing to the bank threw off his clothing and with strong strokes reached Wagner. The latter was nearly unconscious by this time. By the aid of the log he was enabled to bring Wagner, who became unconscious to shore. After some time Wagner was resuscitated and was able to go home himself.

Andrew Cozig while bathing in the river at Monongahela, it is supposed, was seized with cramps and drowned in the sight of some of his companions. His body was recovered.

LOCAL MENTION

Miss Berd Clelland of Buckhannon, W. Va, is visiting her friend, Miss Jessie E. Copeland of Meadow avenue.

Mrs. Malvin Taylor of Boston, Mass. is visiting Mrs. Nellie Strausser

Mrs. Walter Bowie of Morgantown, W. Va., is visiting Mrs. E. Allison.

Harvey H. Dawson and I. N. Young of Beallsville were looking after business tranactions in Charleroi today.

Miss Ada Barnhart who has been attending school at Syracuse, N. Y. returned home Sunday to spend her vacation with her parents.

Mrs. Mary Hough and Samantha Sisley of Fayette City are guests today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L R. Walters of Meadow avenue.

Mr and Mrs. William McCullough have gone to Buckhannon, W. Va., to visit Mrs. Jennie Wise Leonard.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Piper have gone to Atlantic City to spend a number of days.

Thomas D. Norris of Canonsburg, was a visitor in Charleroi on business ness Thursday.

W. E. McFall was in Canonsburg Thursday transacting business.

Orlando B. Anderson the son of J. F. Anderson, of 1004 Meadow avenue, has arrived home from the navy to visit 15 days with his parents. He has been stationed on the ship Georgia. Anderson during the two years in which he has been in the navy has been to France and England and came here from China. He has 18 months yet to serve before his term of enlistment expires.

J. E. Masters is in Pittsburg today to look after business matters.

Miss Marie Fisher is spending the day in Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Miksch of Washington avenue are visiting friends in Perryopolis.

Mrs. W. A. Miksch and her three daughters, Nora, Laura and Gertrude left this morning for Put-in-Bay, O., where they will visit friends

Christopher Mogan of Crest avenue, who is the first assistant superintendent of the Pittsburg Steel plant at Monessen left this morning on a two week's business and pleasure trip to Chicago, Milwaukee and other points west

Will Hold Festival.

The Young Girl's class of the Baptist Sunday School taught by Mrs. C. C.Wright is planning for an ice cream and raspberry festival to be held on Friday afternoon and evening on the lawn adjoining the Baptist church. The affair will be as a benefit.

Mission Topics Are Discussed

Out-of-Town People Attend Meeting of Church Society

A largely attended and interesting meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the M. E. church was held at the home of Mrs. S. E. Rodgers in Fallowfield township Thursday. A number of visitors were present from various places. The forenoon was spent in a social way and at noon a bountiful luncheon was served by the hostess. At 2 o'clock the meeting was called to order by the president. After the business was transacted Mrs. Vankirk of Pitsburg had charge of the session. She gave an impresive talk on mission work, explained the jubilee year and made a strong plea for new members. Mrs. Baker, the district secretary, spoke encouragingly on the growth and Mrs. A. M. Doak of Wellsburg brought greetings. Mary McKean was made a life member by the Little Light Bearers. A solo was rendered by Miss McCormick of Pittsburg.

VIEWERS NAMED BY THE COURT

Six Men Named to Serve Permanently in Washington County

WILL RECEIVE $5 A DAY

Following out the provisions of a recent Act of Assembly Judge J. F. Taylor at Washington Monday afternoon appointed the permanent board of viewers for the county. This county is entitled to not less than six or more than nine. The court appointed six at this time and the other three may be appointed later.

Of the new board one member has to be a civil engineer and one a member of the bar. The act also provides for a stenographer and clerk to the board of viewers but in this county the work it is believed of a stenographer and clerk can be handled by some one of the commissioners office force. The viewers have to be freeholders. They are paid $5 a day for each day they are on duty. The list follows:

Civil engineer, William Wylie, Washington.

Memebr of the bar, Grant E. Hess, Washington.

T. S. McCurdy, Monongahela.

C. C. Dunn, Morris township.

John S. Lee, Crosscreek.

James W. Walker, West Pike Run

Festival.

Raspberry and icecream festival Friday afternoon and evening. Held by Young Girl's class of Baptist church on lawn next to Baptist church 25 cents. 281t2

EXPLOSION OF GAS LEAKING FROM BIG MAIN WRECKS MUCH PROPERTY

Havoc Wrought at Monessen by Terrific Discharge--Shock is Felt by the Entire Town

HEAVY LOSS SUSTAINED

Ontario Chemical Company and Page Wire Fence Company Suffer---Windows Broken Squares Away

An explosion of gas in a main leading into Monessen at about 9 o'clock this morning did damage to the extent of thousands of dollars. The entire town was shaken by the explosion and windows eight squares away from the scene of the accident were broken

Gas had been leaking, it is supposed at the main at the northern end of town in the vicinity of the Page mill all night. Apparently it was not known, or if there was knowledge of the leaking of the main, it was not considered dangerous. A spark from a locomotive is supposed to have set it off

With a noise that could be heard in Charleroi the gas let go. The Ontario Chemical company's plant which is in close proximity to the plat where the explosion occurred wa partly demolished and the Page Wire fence company's warehouse was badl damaged. These two companies together sustained a probable damage of $5,000. Two houses across a culvert from where the explosion occurred were practically wrecked. Furniture in them was destroyed. They were owned by foreigners. The Iowa school three squares away had every window broken. Windows were broken and damage generally done over the town.

There were three explosions, one at 9 o'clock, another at 9:30 and another about an hour later. The first was the most severe and did the damage. People in the vicinity of the place were panic-stricken. It took some time to shut off the gas sufficiently and no one dared go near the place after the first explosion.

A number of people in the vicinity of the explosion and living in houses a few squares distant were injured by flying glass, and pieces of wood. No blame has been placed upon any one yet but in all probability the cause of the accident will be investigated.

School Board to Meet.

The regular monthly meeting of the school board is scheduled to be held tonight. One important matter that may come up is that of the resignation of Prof. D. C. Willard, as principal of Hight School and the question of a man to fill the vacancy.

Firemen Grateful

At a meting of the Charleroi Fire Department held Wednesday evening a vote of thanks was tendered Rev. J. T.Hackett, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, for preaching the sermon to the firemen on June 18. Little other business of importance was transacted.

Schram self-sealing jars 50c per doz. at City Grocery. 281t1

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier.

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For County Commissioner

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ROSCOE, PA.

Primaries, Sept. 30. 1911.

For Register of Wills,

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MONONGAHELA, PA.

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For Register of Wills

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For County Treasurer

HOMER H. SPRIGGS

EAST WASHINGTON

Formerly of West Bethlehem Township

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Your Vote and Influence Solicited

July 6 In American History.

1747—John Paul Jones (Johnal'aul), distinguished American naval commander, born in Kirkbean, Scotland; died in Paris July 18, 1792.

1759—Commodore Joshua Barney, gallant naval officer in the Revolution and war of 1812, born; died 1818.

1802—General Daniel Morgan, Revolutionary hero, died; born 1736.

1905—The remains of Paul Jones formally delivered to the United States government by France.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.)

Sun sets 7:30, rises 4:32; moon sets 1:19 a. m.; 10 a. m., planet Venus at greatest elongation east of the sun, farthest east from that body—viz, 45½ degrees; now almost directly approaching the earth at a speed of 1,300 miles a minute.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

The remarkable outpouring of the residents of Charleroi at the playgrounds opening in "The Pines" on the Fourth is ample demonstration that the movement is most timely. It was a most democratic gathering, and in addition to many of Charleroi's best people who take an interest in the social uplift, there were large representations of the foreign residents of the town who are forging ahead in the assimilation of American ideas. This is what the promoters of the playgrounds movement most desire—to impress upon the citizens of the town generally that the grounds are not for any particular class but are for the whole people, and that any and all are not only welcome, but all are cordially invited to take full advantage of the playgrounds for themselves and their children.

In view of the marked success of the playgrounds in Charleroi the people should forward a movement for making the project permanent. This is pre-eminently a public function just as surely as is the collection of taxes for the maintenance of the police department and the paving and sewering of the town. The old time theory that the municipality has no other functions but the maintenance of the police department and the paving and sewering of the town. The old time theory that the municipality has no othed functions but the maintenance of the unremunerative public utilities has long since been exploded. The public can have pretty nearly what it wants these days, and the progressive towns are beginning to see that by owning some of the remunerative utilities, such as gas, water, light and traction, it can derive revenues enough to cater to the comfort and welfare of the people instead of creating valuable business franchises for private corporations.

The playgrounds movement is a step toward municipal ownership of public utilities, as it chows the responsibility of the municipility toward its children and the convenience and comfort of the residents who create the conditions which make possible great public utilities, the benefits of which should accrue to the public.

A COSTLY MISTAKE.

Events are rapidly shaping toward conditions which will convince the public that a gigantic blunder has been made in Washington county in the construction of and maintainance of roads under the Flinn law. With the enactment of the new State Highway law the advantages of counties improving roads under the provisions of the State plan are more apparent. Washington county, with the roads already constructed and aproved, have saddled a debt of approximately a million dollars upon the county which might just as well have been partly borne by the State and the townships and boroughs through which the roads pass. But for the political play and hope of political advantage the improvement of roads in Washington county under the Flinn law would never have been played up. The county could have spent just as much money under the Sproul or State law, with the manifest advantage of having the roads under the inspection of the State engineers, as well as receiving State aid for maintenance.

The fact that the repeal of the old Sproul law, by the enactment of the new State Highway law which abrogated all the petitions for improvements under the Sproul law, showed that the townships in Washington county were willing to co-operate in the building of 225 miles of road should have been sufficient for the county commissioners to have adopted the State plan instead of the county plan. Instead they petitioned the grand jury for improvements for 51 miles of road at a cost of $857,000 to be borne exclusively by the county, when various townships in the county would have been willing to have taken a part of the burden off the taxpayers.

On the authority of written statements from the State Highway Departments as far back as 1907, that department rendered an opinion that there was nothing in the Sproul law to probibit counties and townships from bearing the entire expense of constructing State roads under the Sproul law when the State aid fund was exhausted Had the commissioners at that time taken advantage of that condition the county would today have been far ahead in the matter of road improvements, because the townships would have been able to contribute nearly as much as the county. The new law for State aid roads shows the superiority over the county plan with infinitely greater results for the same degree of taxation. It is a safe prediction that the time is not far distant when road improvements under the Flinn law in the county will be entirely abandoned for the State aid improvements.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

This warm weather should at least move the ice from the river

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If there is not some excitement at the end of the baseball season when the race is getting close there is surely something wrong.

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Putting up a bluff sometimes gets a man licked.

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Candidates who for various reasons think they are logical are about due to make their appearance in readiness for the next primary.

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Anyhow getting a tally of the votes cast at the primary won't be so uncomfortable in September as it always was in February.

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If this warmth keeps up there is not much doubt but that the fashion will change for no coats and much coolness.

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It's nice enough to be a king but unless he can command the use of more than one electric fan he isn't much better off than an ordinary rich man.

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Hobble skirt, harem skirt,
Fol-de-rol-lol!
What's Fashion's coming spurt?
No skirt at all?

—Chicago Post.

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It takes a whole lot more time to get over the Fourth than it does to come to it.

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A woman wonders what a husband is for, if not to take the blame when things refuse to go right.

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An umpire in a ball game has just as hard a job and works just as much as the players. His sole honor is in his pay envelope.

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It must be admitted that a big hat on a girl's head on a hot summer day looks more comfortable than one of the small affairs that resemble a sitting hen.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

A grim reminder of the law's vengeance was brought to light at Washington the other day when the county commissioners threw into the discard an old scaffold which, in the gentle art of hanging was considered in the light of a last year's hat—out of date. The scaffold had been used to execute William West, the murderer of the Crouch family, who expiated his crime on the gallows February 26, 1891. This was before murders in the county were of every day occurrence, and the hanging of West marked a momentous event in the criminal annals of Washington county.

West who was colored, was hanged for killing the Crouch family near Bentleyville May 13, 1890. The murder was a most atrocious deed, and stirred the whole county. Before his hanging West attempted suicide by stabbing himself in the neck with a rail. When hanged he was in such a weakened condition that he had to be strapped to a board. The rope broke twice before the hanging was successfully carried out. The execution took place in the old jail yard that was formerly between the old sheriff's residence and the court house. George E. Lockhart was sheriff at that time Executions are now conducted within the jail, a platform being built over the railing of the rotunda on the second floor on which a scaffold is erected.

UNIVERSITY OF FRANCE.

Essentially the Same Today as When Established by Napoleon.

In the United States there are many universities which are free from state control, but in France there is only one university, and it is an absolute instrument of the state. It is true that there are schools of higher learning, which were founded in 1870 as universities, but five years afterward the title was withdrawn, and they are now called "instituts." They are five in number and are located in Paris, Lille, Lyons, Toulouse and Angers.

But the University of France is an entirely different organization. It is the official school. It is centralized in Paris and has under it a vast multitude of establishments, faculties, college and primary schools, distributed over the whole surface of the country. Directly or indirectly they all depend on the government.

The university was established by Napoleon, and in spite of certain modifications which it has undergone during years it is the same today in its essential elements as the day he founded it. Just as he established the entire civil administration, with its prefects, subprefects, judges, ministers of finance, so he created in 1806 this vast educational organization, with its countless professors, who control the entire intellectual training of France.—America.

The History of Interest.

By "usury" the ancient teachers meant any interest that was exacted by the lender of money from the borrower solely as the price of the loan. Those who lent money at 3 per cent, or even 1 per cent, were committing usury quite as really as those who lent it at 40 per cent. The old time prejudice against interest was based on the theory, at one time quite universal, that "money is sterile by nature" and that, therefore, to exact profit from it is both absurd and unjust. For centuries pretty nearly all the authorities in church and state were committed to such idea, and it was not until quite recent times that the old error was exploded.—New York American.

POLITICAL ADVERTISING

HOMER H. SPRIGGS FOR COUNTY OFFICE

Nomination for County Treasurer Sought by East Washington Man

HOMER H. SPRIGGS.

Homer H. Spriggs, of East Washington, formerly of West Bethlehem township is a candidate for the office of County Treasurer at the next Republican Primaries, Sept. 30, 1911.

Mr. Spriggs was born and raised on a farm in West Bethlehem township. He served five years as rural mail carrier when the service was first inaugurated in this county.

He has made his own way by hard work. After leaving the rural delivery service he came to Washington and entered the Real Estate business residing in East Washington. He is at the present time, and has been for several years a member of the council in that borough, and has devoted much of his time and service to interests pertaining to the welfare of his community.

In presenting himself to the voters he promises if elected by them to the office of County Treasurer, that he will conduct the office strictly on business principals. He will furnish his own bond and deposit the funds to the best interests of the taxpayers. He favors a salary basis for the office of County Treasurer; and should the present fee system be continued he will be satisfied with whatever arrangement our commissions may be deemed just and reasonable by the Board of Commissioners.

Mr Spriggs has the very best prospects for the nomination, and counts his friends as legion among his host of acquaintances along the River sections of the County. Having an unusual large acquaintance among all classes of people in every section of the county, all that he asks is that his numerous friends will do all they can to aid and help him in his run for the office, all which he will appreciate to the utmost.

The Republican primaries are held September 30.

Fleeced the Queen.

When George IV was crowned it was feared that the discarded Queen Caroline might appear and create a scene at Westminster abbey during the ceremony. A gentleman of the name of Chutneigh offered to go into the anteroom where Caroline was waiting and keep her engaged until the conclusion of the ceremony. That was a time when nearly everybody gambled, and the discarded queen was no exception to the rule. After a few casual remarks about the weather Chutneigh took three cards from his pocket and invited Caroline to "spot the lady." Time and again she backed her judgment with money and each time lost. Then she played higher stakes in the hope of retrieving her ill fortune. Her last guinea had been taken in by Chutneigh before she remembered her intention to be at the coronation. But it was too late. The ceremony was over, and the new king, "the greatest blackguard in all Europe," was on his way to the palace. To Mr. Chutneigh, who thus holds the credit of introducing the three card trick into England, a pension was granted.

Anticipated.

Gerald—I want to ask you one question. Geraldine—It's none of your business how old I am.—Exchange.

Fitting Name.

Willis—He calls himself a human dynamo. Gillis—No wonder; everything he has on is charged.—Judge.

Notice.

Sealed bids will be received by Borough Clerk of Carleroi for grading curbing and paving Seventh and Eighth streets from Fallowfield avenue to Washington avenue until July 18, 1911.

Plans and specifications can be seen in Borough Engineers office, borough building. Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Ira L. Nickeson,
Borough Clerk

Charleroi, Pa., July 6, 1911 281-2w

Things Are Changed Now.

The Fourth of July, the day of our arrival at Albany, was the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, and on our arrival we were told that great preparations were making for its celebration.

Our landlord, as soon as he found out who we were, immediately came to us to request that we would excuse the confused state in which his house was, as this was the anniversary day of "American independence," or, as some indeed more properly call it, "American repentance." We were all of us not a little surprised at this address, and from such a person. Instances, however, are not wanting of people openly declaring that they have never enjoyed so much quiet and happiness in their own homes since the Revolution as they did when the states were the colonies of Great Britain. Among the planters of Virginia I have heard language of this sort more than once.—From "Travels Through the States of North America," by Isaac Weld, Jr., 1795.

A Wedding Hoax.

There have been many foolish hoaxes since the days of Theodore Hook, but few so cruel as one mentioned by Bram Stoker in his book, "Famous Impostors." "A young couple were about to be married in Birmingham when those officiating were startled by the delivery of a telegram from London with the message: 'Stop marriage at once. His wife and children have arrived in London and will come on to Birmingham.' The bride fainted, and the bridegroom was frantically perturbed at thus summarily being provided with a wife and family. But it was useless—the unhappy man had to make the best of his way through an exasperated crowd, full of sympathy for the wronged girl. Inquiry, however, showed her friends that the whole thing was a hoax—possibly worked by some revengeful rival of the man whose happiness had been so unexpectedly deferred."

The Archbishop's Shirts.

One of the archbishops of Bordeaux, Mgr. de Sungay, was remarkable for his charity, giving to the poor, as he did, nearly everything in his possession. It happened at one time that he was without linen, and when his servants spoke of buying what he needed he put them off, saying always, "We will see about it." Then the good old woman in charge of his wardrobe made use of stratagem. "Monsignore," she said, "I come to ask your charity for a good work." "What is it, my good Jeanne?" "With your lordship's permission, I wish to spend some hours in which I have not much to do in making shirts for a poor old man who is sadly in need of them. Perhaps you would pay me for the stuff. Indeed, the good old man expects as much from you." "With the greatest pleasure," said the archbishop. "Here; this is all the money I have. Take it and get what you need." By this means he was provided with shirts, and he could not refrain from laughing when he learned the explanation of his faithful old servant's request.—London Globe.

The Old Time Senators.

A recent overhauling of a desk in the office of the District of Columbia health officer brought to light a small volume entitled "The Medical Register of the District," which contained a complete list of the senators of the Thirty-ninth congress, giving their weight, height and head and chest measurements. The author of the book, Dr. J. M. Toner, says in explanation of the table:

"It shows that in all the points observed our senators exceed the average of mankind in all parts of the world as well as the average of our own country."

From the figures given it appears that the tallest senators at that time came from Kentucky, the shortest from New Hampshire and West Virginia. The average height was five feet ten and a half inches, and the senatorial heads, "measured a little lower than the hat is generally worn," showed an average circumferance of twenty-two and a half inches. Fourteen of the forty senators were six feet tall.—Washington Star.

Travel at Home.

"Whenever I get the wanderlust," says the philosopher, "I get the cook to burn the steak and serve me some coffee that tastes as though it had brown pepper in it. Then I sit in the most uncomfortable chair in the house and try to read a newspaper in a poor light. I then go outdoors and let a cinder blow in my eye, then go back in and go to bed on a cot that is four inches too short and a foot too narrow for me, with covers that gather themselves about my waist and leave my feet bare, while a clever contrivance sends alternate hot and cold blasts across me. Next morning I have indigestion, a sore eye and a cold and a fine assortment of aches and pains, but I also have all the sensations of having been on a trip and am spared the worry of getting home again, for I am already there."—Life.

The Trouble.

"So she doesn't return your affection, eh? Well, I shouldn't get mad about that. What's the use of bothering about a girl?" said Watkins.

"I don't mind her not returning my affection," said Dobleigh, "but, confound it, she won't return my diamond ring, either!"—Harper's Weekly.

When a Joke's Not a Joke.

To the joker who writes jokes for a living it isn't much of a joke when the editor can't take a joke.—Lippincott's.

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JOHN BANISTER.

An English Violinist Who Won Fame In the Seventeenth Century.

Public concerts owe their direct encouragement to John Banister, who had won fame by his playing on the violin and who succeeded the celebrated Baltzar as leader of Charles II.'s band of twenty-four violins. Pepys, in an entry in his diary for February, 1667, tells us the court gossip of the day—"how the king's viallin Banister is mad that the king hath a Frenchman come to be chief of some part of the king's musique."

Banister's concerts at the close of the year 1672 were advertised in the London Gazette as follows: "These are to give notice that at Mr. John Banister's house (now called the musick school), over against the George tavern in White Fryers, the present Monday will be musick performed by excellent masters, beginning precisely at 4 of the clock in the afternoon, and every afternoon for the future precisely at the same hour."

Four years later on we read again, "At the academy in Little Lincoln's Inn Fields will begin the first part of the parley of instruments, composed by Mr. John Banister." The admission was at this time as a rule a shilling, and these concerts seem to have been held pretty regularly—down to within a short time of Banister's death, which took place in 1679.—London Graphic.

The Peanut.

The common peanut originally came probably from tropical America. Peanuts were introduced into the United States in the days of the colonies. Botanically the peanut belongs to the same group of plants as beans and peas, but the peanut matures its fruit or nut under the surface of the soil, not above ground, as do most other leguminous plants. Properly speaking, the peanut is a pea rather than a nut, the term "nut" having been added on account of its flavor, which is similar to that of many of the true nuts. The peanut is known under the local names of goober, goober pea, pindar, groundpea and groundnut.

Tricking the Bobby.

A Dublin eccentric a short time ago entered a purveyor's shop and bought a ham. Having paid for his purchase, he requested that it should be hung outside the shop door, saying that he would call back for it. The customer then paced up and down outside the shop till a policeman came in sight, and just as the man in blue caught his eye he grabbed the ham and bolted. The constable, however, soon collared the thief, as he thought, and hauled him back to the shop. Having explained the nature of the alleged crime to the shop assistant, he asked the latter to charge the offender.

"But," said the assistant as he realised the joke, "it's his own ham. He was quite at liberty to take it in any circumstances he chose."—London Answers.

Weatherwise Birds and Fish.

The seagull makes a splendid living barometer. If a covey of seagulls fly seaward early in the morning sailors and fishermen know that the day will be fine and the wind fair, but if the birds keep inland, though there be no haze hanging out toward the sea to denote unpleasant weather, interested folk know that the elements will be unfavorable. Of all weatherwise fish the dolphin is the most remarkable. During a fierce gale or a storm at sea the mariner knows that the end of it is near if he can see a dolphin or a number of that fish sporting on the high sea waves.

Two of a Kind.

"Oh, George," sighed the lovesick maiden, "I'm sure I'm not worthy to be your wife."

"Well," replied George wearily, "I'm not worthy to be your husband, so we're just about matched."—Catholic Standard and Times.

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A Terrifying Hat.

When the French artist Benjamin Constant was traveling in Morocco he was invited by the sultan to present himself at court at Fez. The painter's first thought was in regard to his costume. "Court" in Europe was one thing; in Morocco it was likely to prove something different. There was nothing to do, however, but to wear his ordinary evening clothes. He was ignorant of the fact that the Moors look upon black garments as very vulgar, and it was only after his arrival that he learned his mistake. The courtiers smiled openly; worst of all, they sneered. The painter was a man of hasty temper, and suddenly, nettled by their insolence, he closed his opera hat and sprang it open in the faces of the jeering crowd. They scattered, yelling with surprise and fear. The sultan heard the noise and demanded the cause. After he had seen and examined the wonderful hat he gave this oracular opinion:

"If I had lived a hundred years in your country and adopted all your other customs I could never have brought myself to set on my head so hideous a contrivance as that!"

Painfully Explicit.

The proprietor of a certain hotel in Europe has posted up the following warning to his clients:

"Gentlemen who come in this hotel not say anything about their meals they will be charged for, and if they should say beforehand that they are going out to breakfast or dinner, and if they say that they not have anything to eat they will be charged, or unless they bring it to the notice of the manager, and should they want not to say anything, they must order the manager for, and not any one else, and unless they not bring it to the notice of the manager, they will be charged for the least things not, according to hotel rate. And no fuss will be allowed afterward about it, and nothing will be allowed to deduct anything out of it."

After this explicit information there surely could be no excuse for misunderstanding.—Boston Globe.

Surprising the Bullock.

In times of crisis and worry a kind word has been known to have surprisingly good results. The unexpectedness of such a word is perhaps the secret of its force. A late book, "On the Wool Track," backs the moral with an anecdote.

A team was working on the Broken Hill road, and a bullock—the Beelzebub of the team—had gone obstinate, and the coach was passing. The whip was swinging, and some apt remarks were just forming on the back of the teamster's tongue when he caught sight of a clerical hat on the front seat and just in time thought better of it. He coughed politely.

"Ahem—Strawberry," he said, "proceed!"

To his obvious astonishment Strawberry proceeded.

The Indian's Vision.

More or less wonderful accounts have from time to time been given of the powers of vision possessed by savage races. During a British anthropological expedition to the Torres strait the visual faculty of the natives was carefully tested, and from these tests the conclusion was reached that the excellence of vision shown by the savages has a psychological origin—that is to say, it arises from knowing what to look for. When the civilized man acquires familiarity with the environment he can see as far as they can. Thus the power of an Indian to tell the sex of a deer at such a distance that distinguishing features like antlers were invisible was found to rest upon his knowledge of the peculiar gait of the male deer.—Scientific American.

Wondrous Tact.

As an example of graciousness and tact Matthew White tells in Munsey's Magazine of a London clergyman who was called on to address an audience of actors. Alluding to the better social status of the players, the clergyman said that in former days it was sometimes customary to brand them as vagabonds and bore a hole in their ears with an awl, that the citizens might thus be forewarned. "And who knows," the clergyman added, "but that it is a survival of an endeavor to hide this mark of indignity that causes some of the actors even today to wear their hair long?"

Bottles and Rags.

"Bottles and rags, bottles and rags!" called out a rag and bone man as he plied his calling.

"Why do you always put these words together?" asked a passerby.

"Because, madam," replied the man, courteously touching his hat, "wherever you find bottles you find rags!"—London Family Herald.

A Shellfish Thought.

"Funny, isn't it"—

"That what?"

"That when a fellow's affairs have reached the blue point he never declares that the world is his oyster!"—Judge.

The Ruthless Razor.

Lady Customer (in furniture shop)—What has become of those lovely sideboards you had when I was last here? Salesman (smirking)—I shaved 'em off, madam.

Sympathy.

Cora—Have you seen my new photographs, dear? Every one says they look exactly like me. Dora—What a shame! Can't you get another sitting?

Chiefly the mold of a man's fortune is in his own hands.—Bacon.

QUAINT MARRIAGE NOTICE.

William Cullen Bryant Broke the News Gently to His Mother.

The following letter from William Cullen Bryant to his mother, quoted by Professor Chubb in "Stories of Authors," indicates that the author of "Thanatopsis" could enjoy his little joke on occasion:

"Dear Mother—I hasten to send you the melancholy intelligence of what has lately happened to me. Early on the evening of the eleventh day of the present month I was at a neighboring house in this village. Several people of both sexes were assembled in one of the apartments, and three or four others, with myself, were in another. At last came in a little elderly gentleman, pale, thin, with a solemn countenance, plenritic voice, hooked nose and hollow eyes. It was not long before we were summoned to attend in the apartment where he and the rest of the company were gathered. We went in and took our seats. The little elderly gentleman with the hook nose prayed, and we all stood up. When he had finished most of us sat down. The gentleman with the hooked nose then muttered certain cabalistic expressions, which I was too much frightened to remember, but I recollect that at the conclusion I was given to understand that I was married to a young lady of the name of Frances Fairchild, whom I perceived standing by my side and whom I hope in the course of a few months to have the pleasure of introducing to you as your daughter-in-law, which is a matter of some interest to the poor girl, who has neither father nor mother in the world."

SHIELDED THE LADY.

A Tactful Head Waiter Balked an Offensive Hotel Guest.

To illustrate an incident that occurred in a hotel uptown the other night, where, if you are not known, you have to produce some sort of patent of absolute respectability, construct a rectangle, lettering the imaginary diagonal corners A, B, C and D.

A represents a solitary male person dining. B represents a comely person of the opposite sex seated at another table with a party. C represents a head waiter and D a group of the unemployed waiters. Let the line AB represent an admiring look that travels continuously. BA represents a look of annoyance. CA and CB are comprehending glances directed by the head waiter.

The point C moves toward D, making a triangle. After a whispered direction a figure which may be termed O, because it represents a particularly rotund waiter, moves from the point D until it reaches a point on the line AB. O moves back to position.

A finds that his ogle stops at O, which he cannot see through, and calls O to take an order. Thereupon C motions toward D, when another waiter, traveling on the line DA, effects a junction with A and goes off at a tangent. A craning his neck, stretching to one side or the other, but it cannot get past O. The result is that A finally sees what is up, finishes his coffee in sheepish disgust and leaves the room. —New York Sun.

Astrology With Risks.

Formerly they had rough and ready modes of testing claims to supernatural powers.

"Dost thou know where thou wilt pass Christmas?" asked Henry VII. of an astrologer. He could not tell.

Whereupon the king's grace, which did love a merry jest, made answer, "Then I am wiser than thou, for I know that thou wilt spend Christmas in prison."

John Galeazzo, duke of Milan, is said to have made even merrier at the expense of an astrologer who foretold him that he would die early.

"And how long do you expect to live?" he inquired of the prophet.

"My lord, my star promises me a long life."

"Never trust to your star, man; you are to be hanged today," and the duke took care that his own prediction should be fulfilled.

Killing One Fly.

Every fly begins as an egg deposited in some kind of organic filth. It hatches into a tiny maggot within a few hours, begins to feed and grow, completes its growth and comes out as a perfect fly in possibly ten days. It then requires at least fourteen days to mature its first batch of eggs, and it may live to mature and deposit at least six layings, of from 120 to 150 eggs each. This means that in killing one fly we may be preventing the hatching of nearly a thousand others.—Youth's Companion.

Two Kinds of Curiosity.

Philanthropic Visitor (to jailbird)—My friend, may I ask what it was that brought you here? Jailbird—The very same thing that brought you here—the desire to poke my nose into other people's business, only I used generally to go in by way of the basement window.—Exchange.

Mean.

Miss Mugley—I always try to retire before midnight. I don't like to miss my beauty sleep. Miss Pepprey—You really should try harder. You certainly don't get enough of it.

Two Sides.

Willis—Why don't you go to church? Gillis—Too far. Why don't you go? Willis—We live next door to one, and I hate to get all dressed up just to go that little way.—Puck.

By the work one knows the workmen.—La Fontaine.

First Flying Ambulances.

A valued servant and friend of the great Napoleon, Dominique Larrey, first established that system of "flying ambulances," which carried the wounded to the rear almost as soon as disabled. The staff numbered about 340 men with four heavy and twelve light two and four wheeled ambulances to each division. Napoleon reviewed this arm of the service with the greatest interest and once exclaimed to Larrey: "Your work is one of the most important conceptions of our age. It will suffice for your reputation." For the Egyptian campaign Larrey secured the services of 800 qualified surgeons in addition to the regular force. At Alexandria General Figulères was severely wounded, and on his recovery wished to present Napoleon with a splendid Damascus saber. "Yes," said the emperor, "I accept in order to give it the surgeon in chief, by whose exertions your life has been spared." This saber, engraved with the words "Aboukir" and "Larrey," was taken from the great surgeon by the Prussians at Waterloo.—Charles Winslow Hall in National Magazine.

The Horrors of Thirst.

In the oasis of Mogara, says L. Dow Covington in the Wide World Magazine, we had a first experience of the desert traveler's great enemy—thirst. We were seated in front of a Bedouin chief's tent, our two baby camels enjoying their first drink of water since they had left Cairo, when, from across a sand dune, a Bedouin came staggering and tottering toward us. His eyes were bloodshot, his lips twice their natural size, while his tongue, blue and dry, hung out of his mouth. Evidently he had lost himself, had wandered around for days in search of water and had stumbled upon the oasis in the very nick of time. To allow him to drink would have been his death. In spite of his frantic struggles, he was held by four men, while a fifth allowed a few drops of water to trickle down his throat. It was as though he were a redhot boiler which would have to be allowed to cool off before being filled if an accident was to be avoided.

Objected to Publicity.

Old Brother Brown had been approached several times by the colored deacons of his church and asked to pay his church dues. He had promised to "pay up" just as soon as he sold a calf which he owned. Several months later he sold the calf. The next Sunday morning at service the congregation sang the old familiar hymn:

The half has never been told
Of life so full and free.

Brother Brown, somewhat deaf and conscious of his failure to pay his dues, understood the words to be:

The calf has never been sold,
But when it's sold he'll pay

When the hymn was finished the old colored man, very indignant, arose and said:

"Bredren and sistahs, I has sold dat ca'f and heh's yo' ten dollahs! But I didn't ca' about de whole chu'ch singin' about it."—National Monthly.

A Costly Tuft of Feathers.

On the apex of the crown worn by the Prince of Wales on special occasions is a curious feather, or, rather, tuft of feathers, the top of which is adorned with a gold thread. The value of this feather is estimated at $50,000, and it has the distinction of being the only one of its kind in human possession. Twenty years passed after the first hunter set out to procure the feather before it was attained, and during that period more than a dozen hunters had lost their lives in the quest. The costly tuft is of periwak feathers, and the extraordinary danger incurred in procuring it was due to the fact that the periwak, for some unknown reason, is to be found only in dense jungles in which tigers make their lair.—Chicago Tribune.

Turning the Turtle

Turtle hunting is not without excitement. The method of capture consists of the simple act of turning the turtle on its back. Once in this position it is quite helpless. Its only defense is to cover its captor with sand thrown up by the powerful front legs or flippers. These are brought into action in an instant, and woe betide the captor who has his eyes and mouth open at the moment, for the sand is hurled with great force. When turned over the captive is dragged up the beach to above high water mark, and this is no easy task, for it weighs about four hundredweight.

Premeditated.

"And why do you claim that it was with malice aforethought that the automobile defendant ran down the complainant?"

"On the morning it happened, your honor, I heard him say that he was going to take out his new auto and see if he could not run across a few people he knew."—Houston Post.

A Giddy Girl.

"Is your daughter of a practical turn of mind?"

"No; she is very frivolous. Wants to take cooking lessons instead of perfecting her game of bridge."—Exchange.

His Honest Face.

"Anyway, he has an honest face."

"Honest? You surprise me."

"Yes; it's the only honest thing about him. It shows how dishonest he really is."—Life.

Not Misplaced.

Backer—You got trimmed bad. I thought you said you were confident of the result. Pugilist—I was. I knew I'd get licked!—Puck.

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The Bear He Missed.

Telling in his book of some hunting experiences near the north pole, Captain Sverdrup wrote: "Walruses and seals were harpooned and shot and also the large arctic hare, which seems to have contracted the peculiar habit of frequently running long distances on its hind legs. Hunting was not always easy, the atmosphere playing strange tricks with the eyesight, as witness the following account of the stalking of a bear: 'With the utmost caution, with his gun ready and his eye fixed inexorably on the bear, Seriel advanced to the spot. Meanwhile the bear sat wagging its head, but keeping a good lookout, it appeared, for when Seriel had come some twenty steps nearer it rose and flew away. It flew as well as any bird, which, after all, was not remarkable, for it was a glaucous gull.'"

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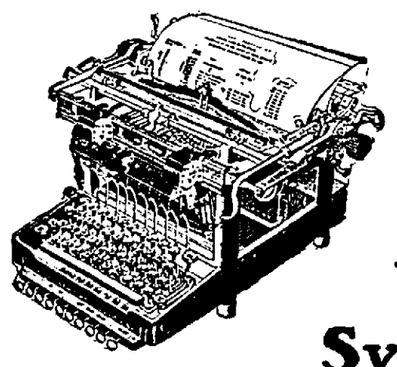

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It looked very Methodist like up until the third inning. To that juncture the score was 2 to 0. Errors began to crop out with an occasional hit and the Episcopals managed to score two in the third. The Methodists got three swipes at the ball in the same session and coupled with two errors worked in a run.

Four hits and an error in the fifth meant four runs for the Episcopals. During the Methodist half Pollock hit a three bagger and scored on an error. In the sixth the Episcopals lammed the ball twice and with an error got one.

Tieing the score in the sixth the Methodists scored three. Getting two hits a base on balls and a man being hit brought about the tie. The next inning the Episcopals pulled off three good lams at the spereoid and were helped along by a dropped fly until they got three scores. The Methodists were able to only make one run in their half. Score:

Episcopals	R	H	P	A	E
Johnson, r	1	2	0	1	0
Cratty, p	1	2	1	2	2
Jenkins, 3	2	1	1	3	1
Guder, c	1	2	11	2	1
Crumrine, l	0	1	7	1	1
Kuhn, s	1	1	1	3	0
C. Roberts, 2	1	2	0	2	1
Hott, m	0	1	0	0	0
Briggs, l	3	1	0	0	0
Total	10	12	21	14	6

Methodists	R	H	P	A	E
Balza, s	1	0	1	2	2
McKean, l	3	2	2	0	1
Protin, 3	1	1	6	0	0
Bege, c	1	2	3	1	0
Kent, m	0	0	0	2	2
Binns, l	0	0	8	0	2
L. Bege, 2	1	0	1	1	1
Pollock, p	1	2	0	9	1
Barnett, r	0	0	0	0	0
Jimeson, r	0	0	0	0	0
Snyder, r	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8	7	21	15	9

Episcopals	0	0	2	0	4	1	3	—	10
Methodists	2	0	1	0	1	3	1	—	8

Two base hits—Johnson 2, Guder, Pollock, Jenkins, Roberts Three base hits—Pollock. Stolen bases, Guder, Crumrine, McKean 2, Jimeson. Sacrifice hits—Cratty, Hott. McKean. Hit by pitcher—L. Bege. Double play, Protin (unassisted.) Bases on balls—Off Cratty 3. Struck out—By Cratty 9, by Pollock 2.

Charleroi Church League

Yesterday's Results

Episcopals 10, Methodists 8

Standing of Clubs

	W.	L.	Pct.
Lutherans	8	1	889
Episcopals	7	3	700
Catholics	6	3	667
Baptists	5	4	556
Christians	4	5	444
First Pres	4	6	400
W. A. Pres	2	7	222
Methodists	1	8	111

Games This Week

Thursday

Lutherans vs. Christians

Friday

Baptists vs. Methodists

BASEBALL BINGLES

Pollock tried hard to win but he couldn't do it all. He not only pitched a good game and one that should have meant only about half the hits credited for the Episcopals, but at the bat lammed the ball properly. Out of three times at bat, he got one beautiful three bagger and one lovely two bagger.

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McKean and Briggs were the chief run getters. Both got three.

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Frank Protin seems to be just getting started. He is playing that third corner in a way that demonstrates his ability, and is beginning to face the horsehide some too. On base he is a hard man to catch, having that Ty Cobb fade-away slide down to perfection.

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Capt. Billy Kuhn of the Episcopals is now working in town and is eligible to play.

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Crumrine was badly bothered by the sun on a throw from Jenkins in the third and let the ball slip through his grasp. The error was not a dangerous one

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"Scissors" McIlvaine will try to have his best team on the field for "Dick" Guy's Pittsburg Collegians Saturday. Being that Long John has about three whole teams from which he picks his stars, it might be a hard matter for him to decide his lineup.

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Father Bill Cratty twirled in place of Briggs who was sent to left field. And William didn't do such poor heaving either, let it be written.

Greenland's Exclusiveness.

Greenland, with its icy mountains, is very exclusive, and so far from inviting visitors, it even makes it inconvenient for tourists to land on the little bit of occasionally green land that surrounds its great heart of perpetual ice. Permission must be had from Denmark. Denmark is, indeed, very careful and conservative in the management of Greenland affairs. The trade there is monopolized by the state, and only government vessels are welcomed to Greenland waters. This is to protect the Greenlanders from unscrupulous merchants. The state also fixes both the price they shall pay for food and the price they shall sell at.

Saves Time For His Wife.

They were discussing their husbands, neither of whom was distinguished for his domesticity.

"My husband amuses me," said the hostess, "by the excuses he has for being detained downtown of evenings Sometimes I can almost hear his brain working out an excuse as he tiptoes up the stairs."

"My husband," said the caller, "is different. He is a very systematic man, you know, and some time ago he wrote out a list of various excuses and numbered them. Now, when he comes in he just calls up the stairs, 'No. 4,' or 'No. 20,' or whatever the number may be."—Judge.

Hugo and Dumas.

During Victor Hugo's exile Dumas went to Guernsey, where Hugo received him kindly and took him to breakfast on a veranda overlooking the ocean. It did not take Dumas long to discover that Hugo was already posing as the proscribed prophet, and the poet said, with an Olympian wave of his hand, "You see me, my dear Dumas, on my rock of exile like the proscribed one of antiquity."

"Never mind," said Dumas, with his mouth full. "The butter is far better here than in Paris. There is no disputing that."

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INTERPRETATION OF RULES SHOWS WRONG DECISION

Is is understood that the afternoon game on the Fourth may be protested by the Episcopals. The point of argument lies in the fact that while at bat in the sixth inning, Kuhn was called out for interference. The play in question created a heated argument, and for a few moments the vicinity of home plate was crowded with nearly all the players from both teams, as well as a unmber of fans, both young and older, who had congregated to listen to the argument of both players and umpire. Umpire Byland's disposition of the play was, to say the least, somewhat peculiar, and the fact that he immediately changed his decision served only to complicate matters.

The play in question is as follows: Craty came to bat in the sixth inning after Bragg had been retired, and laced a beautiful hit to left field for three bases. The signal was passed for the squeeze play. With Kuhn up, the attempt was made. As pitcher Beno started to wind up, preparatory to delivering the ball to the batter, Cratty made a dash for the plate The ball was high, but Kuhn, in an honest effort to assist his team mate, swung at the ball, and in doing so, stepped out of the batter's box. Catcher Fagula, anticipating interference at the plate, possibly, came in on the ball as Kuhn swung at it, missed it, and Cratty crossed the plate.

Immediately trouble arose. Umpire Byland first of all called Cratty safe and Kuhn out for interference. This decision raised such a howl of protest, and justly so, that the umpire evidently saw the unreasonableness of it, and immediately changed it, this time sending Cratty back to third, and calling Kuhn out. Umpire Byland was wrong in his decisions, in that, under the rules, both Cratty and Kuhn should have been declared out. Section 5, Rule 51, says: "The batsmen is out if he attempts to hinder the catcher from fielding or throwing the ball by stepping outside the lines of the batsman's position, or in any way obstructing or interfering with that player." Again, Section 15, Rule 56, which applies to "when baserunners are out," says: "If, with one or no one out, and a base runner on third base, the batsman interferes with a play being made at home plate." Furthermore, Kuhn, in batting while out of the batsman's box, was liable to penalty in accordance with Rule 50, which reads as follows: "An illegally batted ball is a ball batted by the batsman when either or both of his feet are upon the ground outside of the lines of the batsman's position.

It is evident, from the above quotations from the rules of organized base ball, that Umpire Byland was really lenient to the Episcopals in his ruling on the play. Under no circumstances could he have allowed Cratty to score, and he really had no right to allow Cratty to return to third base, because, having declared Kuhn out for interference, Cratty should also have been penalized for his part in the play.

Bathing In Ancient Times.

The ancient Spartans were very definite as to the right and wrong kinds of bath. A daily dip in the river was permissible, and so was a dry bath in a chamber heated with warm air by means of a stove. But the warm water bath remained a mark of effeminacy, as it had been in Homeric times. No public warm baths were permitted in the vigorous days of early Athens. Antiquity comprises the extremes of practice in this matter of bathing. There were the Dardanians, a Balkan people, who were said to bathe only three times—at birth, at marriage and after death. At the other end of the scale stood the later Roman emperors, with seven or eight baths a day. And they are all dead!—London Graphic.

A Different Brand.

"I'm troubled with insomnia."

"So am I. I've had it for a year. The doctor calls it neuris insomnis paralaxitis."

"Gee! I've only had mine six months, and its mother calls it Arthur."—Cleveland Leader.

Knew His Geography.

Teacher — Robert, where are the Rocky mountains? Robert—In the geography, teacher; page 4.—Puck.

Ancient Rome's Libraries.

The libraries of ancient Rome were immense and splendid. Lucullus, whose name is associated with table luxuries, expended much of his wealth on books. His library, says Plutarch, had "walks, galleries and cabinets open to all visitors." Julius Caesar proposed to open this library definitely to the public.

How were these vast libraries, in addition to the book shops, filled? With his trained staff of readers and transcribers, a publisher could turn out an edition of any work at very cheap rates, and almost at a moment's notice. There was no initial expense of typesetting before a single copy could be produced, no ruinous extras in the shape of printers' corrections. The manuscript came from the author; the publisher handed it over to his slaves, and if a book of modest dimensions, the complete edition could be ready, if necessary, within twenty-four hours. Actually, then, books were produced and sold more easily and quickly in ancient Rome than they are in modern London.—T. P.'s London Weekly.

The "Iliad" Not a Myth.

The fall of Troy after a ten year siege by the Grecian princes about 1184 B. C. has long been considered as a rather mythical foundation for Homer's immortal epic, the "Iliad." But in 1876 the excavations of Schliemann on the reputed site of Troy brought to light under the ashes of two superincumbent fortress cities the remains answering to the descriptions of Homer and a hidden vault containing goblets, bowls, vases, gems, jewels, armes de luxe and like articles in gold, silver and bronze. These treasures are now generally acknowledged to be the veritable remnants of the once vast riches of Priam, which, although depleted by ten years of costly warfare in the purchase of supplies and mercenaries and the final sack of the ruined city, were thus preserved to enrich the museums of Europe and greatly increase our realization of the wealth and art of that ancient Ilium, which we have hitherto been disposed to consider a poet's dream.—Charles Winslow Hall in National Magazine.

Old Carving Terms.

In a list of carving terms in use in 1696, which appeared in Dr. Salmon's "Receipts," are the following:

"Leach that brawn. Lift that swan. Rear that goose. Spoil that hen. Fract that chicken. Sauce that capon. Unbrace that mallard. Unlace that coney. Dismember that heron. Disfigure that peacock. Display that crane. Untach that curley. Unjoin that bittern. Allay that pheasant. Wing that quail. Mince that plover. Wing that partridge. Thigh that pigeon. Border that pastry. Thigh that woodcock. Break that hare.

Mrs. W. W. Hunter of Buffalo this county, is visiting her son, Dr. J. W. Hunter of Washington avenue.

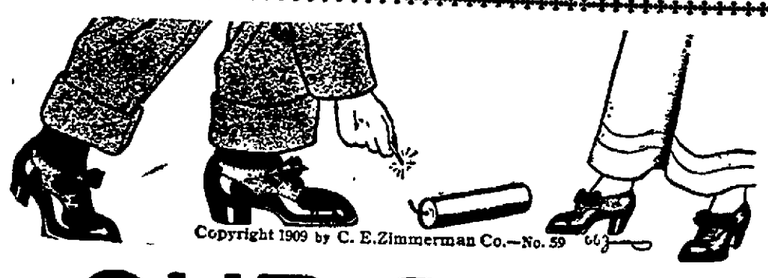
North Charleroi

The work of painting the Monessen-Charleroi bridge is being completed.

Albert Wilson has entered the employ of the Valley Crystal Ice and Storage company.

Clarence Frost has removed to Homestead.

When J. G. Rylands of the Wellington Hotel, Charleroi, momentarily lost control of his Buick automobile Tuesday evening it hit a pole at the Charleroi end of the bridge. The glass in the wind shield was broken but there was little other damage done.



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Found—Sum of money Saturday evening in Hotel Myford. Any one proving property and paying for this advertisement can get the same. Anthony Murphy., Sr., at Hotel Myford. 28012

FOR SALE—One team of daught horses about 2700, one daught horse about 1600 and one about 1300. Pittsburg Plate Glass Co. 281t3

FOR SALE—Gas range and stove, library table, cornet Bb, F and C. V. G. Hostetter, 614 Fifth street. 281t3.

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COUNTY HIGHWAYS CONTAINED IN THE PLAN FOR STATE IMPROVEMENT

State Highway Commissioner Bigelow Expected Through Charleroi on Tour

THINGS ARE "BALLED UP"

Taxpayers are Wanting to Know Why the Commissioners Were in Haste to Hand Out County Money

One of these days Edward M. Bigelow, State Highway Commissioner will come motoring through Charleroi in his 90-horsepower automobile. Commissioner Bigelow has equipped himself with this machine in order to make an inspection of the 8,000 miles of State Highway he has been appointed by Governor Tener to construct, and his route will lead him through Charleroi, which is on the line of the highways to be constructed and maintained by the State in accordance with the plans promoted by Governor Tener.

Incidentally it may be stated that the new State plan calls for the improvement of 296 main highways, approximating 8,000 miles Of these 11 of the highways are in Washington county, five of which touch Charleroi. The 11 routes which pass through the county will have a mileage within the county limits of 217 miles. The construction of these roads will cose the Senate between $3,500,000 and $4,000,000. These routes touch 29 of the 33 townships in the county. Not only will Washington and the most important towns of the county be connected with Charleroi by State improved roads, but all the important towns of Allegheny, Westmoreland, Fayette and Greene counties as well. In these routes will be included the much desired river boulevard.

Although not much is being said over at the county seat, it is quite evident as the provisions of the new State Highway plan are becoming known by the public the county commissioners are beginning to feel somewhat uneasy over their political play in getting the grand jury to approve the construction of county roads to the amount of $857,414 this spring. The fact that the State proposes to expend in the neighborhood of $4,000,000 in Washington county alone in road construction is causing the people to inquire if the commissioners weren't somewhat previous in their action. The changes in the road laws by the recent Legislature have to a considerable extent "balled up" things for the commissioners, and they hardly known where they are at. Some of their roads interfere with the State plan, and the taxpayers are wanting to know why the commissioners were in haste to hand out the county money to head off the State in the construction of roads within the county limits.

Another feature that has just come to light is that many of the townships have been willing and anxious to co-operate in road construction. As the passage of the new State Highway law repealed the old Sproul law, 86 petitions for State aid roads embracing the construction of 225 miles of roads were abrogated. These petitions were presented by various townships within the county, which expressed their willingness to aid in road construction. It is now apparent to the taxpayers that the commissioners made a blunder in petitioning for the expenditure by the county alone of $857,000 for roads when the State proposes to spend nearly $4,000,000 in the county for building 217 miles of roads, and the townships were willing to put up their share for building 225 miles more.

Still another matter is engaging the attention of the public, and that is, what are the commissioners going to do about the road contracts they have let which are in the State plan. This puts them in rather an awkward situation. They are paying county money for building roads which the State offers to build without costing the county a cent and maintain besides. It is stated that the commissioners expect to get a rebate from the State for the roads they are building in the State plan, but this is merely supposition. It will depend upon Commissioner Bigelow to a large extent as to what rebate will be permitted. if any, and it is a safe prediction that the county will not escape a considerable cost in the operation.

At the present time road conditions in the county are somewhat muddled. Those counties which have pushed the Sproul law construction to its utmost will benefit most by the new State Highway law. The provision for cooperation by counties and townships with State aid are ample, and the Flinn law as has been proven in Washington county is most burdensome to taxpayers for road construction in a rural county. It was designed for Allegheny county, and Washington is the only other county in the State to try the costly experiment of the county undertaking to build roads in a strictly rural section.

Frank Mangan has returned from Georgia, and South Carolina where he has been employed for some months.

Three Persons Are Injured

Collision on Pittsburg-Charleroi Line Through Mix-up Signals

Three persons were injured and about 50 passengers on one of the cars were badly shaken up in a head-on collision between two Pittsburg-Charleroi cars Nos 3710 and 3660, near Castle Channon about 5 o'clock Wednesday evening.

The Injured

James Hiscox, conductor, body bruised and face scratched by flying glass; not serious.

Mrs. A. F. King, Monongahela; face cut by glass.

Joseph Boyer, cashier of the First National Bank of Finleyville; slightly hurt..

Both car fronts were demolished. The accident was due to a mixup in signals. Mrs. King was on her way to Pittsburg and she continued her journey. Conductor Hiscox came to Charleroi where he had his injuries dressed Traffic was delayed fully an hour Car No. 3660 was in charge of Motorman John Dick and Conductor Hiscox. Car No. 3660 gas in charge of Motorman John R. Phillips and Conductor John R. Crouse.

SLIGHT DECREASE IN COAL TRADE FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS

Comparison of Half Year Period of 1911 With That of 1910 Shows Latter Somewhat Better

Coal shipments for the first six months period of 1911, closing June 30, did not total up as well as those of last year, according to Lock No. 4 reports, owing to comparatively slack business. June itself, with a total shipment of only 8,176.000 bushels, fell away behind the average for the month. For the first six months the total was 94,489,000 bushels, which compared with the total for the first six months of last year of 95,490,000 shows a decrease of 1,001.000 bushels.

Comparative figures for the various months in 1911 and 1910 follow:

1911	
January	17,067,000
February	18,198,000
March	19.552,000
April	15.962.000
May	15.533.000
June	8.176.000
Total	94,489,000

1910	
January	15.158,000
February	16,524,000
March	19 105,000
April	5,097.000
May	18.597.000
June	20,199,000
Total	95,490.000

During June pasenger trade was heavy through the lock, there being 2,055 pasengers going up and 243 down Lockages down stream were 158 and up stream 463. Sand and gravel shipments up river were heavy, sand amounting to 12,000 bushels and 98,500 bushels of gravel pasing up stream. Considerable lumber was also shipped southward. The rainfall during the month was 4.70.

TWO DROWINGS OCCUR; YOUTH NARROWLY ESCAPES

Unknown Foreigner Finds Watery Grave in Monongahela River Across From Eighth Street, Charleroi

SWIMMER GETS CRAMPS WHILE FAR OUT

One man was drowned in the Monongahela river and an 18-year-old youth had a narrow escape here Wednesday while seeking relief from the intense heat At Monongahela Andrew Cozig a Slav 32 years old was drowned while bathing. Accidents and deaths occurred all over the country, either directly or indirectly due to the heat

At about 6 o'clock Wednesday evening four unknown foreigners went in bathing in the river across from Eighth street. Hardly had they got in until one of them who was unable to swim, went down over an offset His companions were unable to extend him any aid and he was drowned. All of them live at Monessen. Divers were busy until late at night trying to recover the body but without avail. This morning others were searching but up until about noon the body had not been found.

While bathing in the river near Maple creek Thursday afternoon Earle Wagner, of Charleroi was seized with cramps and it was only by the timely arrival of Charles Hott that he was prevented from drowning. Wagner and two smaller boys were out in the river probably 300 yards pushing a log when the youth took cramps in the left leg and lost his grip on the log. Panic stricken the two boys screamed for help. Charles Hott heard them from shore and rushing to the bank threw off his clothing and with strong strokes reached Wagner. The latter was nearly unconscious by this time. By the aid of the log he was enabled to bring Wagner, who became unconscious to shore. After some time Wagner was resuscitated and was able to go home himself.

Andrew Cozig while bathing in the river at Monongahela, it is supposed, was seized with cramps and drowned in the sight of some of his companions. His body was recovered.

LOCAL MENTION

Miss Berd Clelland of Buckhannon, W. Va. is visiting her friend, Miss Jessie E. Copeland of Meadow avenue.

Mrs. Malvin Taylor of Boston, Mass. is visiting Mrs. Nellie Strausser

Mrs. Walter Bowie of Morgantown, W. Va., is visiting Mrs. E. Allison.

Harvey H. Dawson and I. N. Young of Beallsville were looking after business tranactions in Charleroi today.

Miss Ada Barnhart who has been attending school at Syracuse, N. Y returned home Sunday to spend her vacation with her parents.

Mrs. Mary Hough and Samantha Sisley of Fayette City are guests today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L R. Walters of Meadow avenue.

Mr and Mrs. William McCullough have gone to Buckhannon, W. Va., to visit Mrs. Jennie Wise Leonard

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Piper have gone to Atlantic City to spend a number of days.

Thomas D. Norris of Canonsburg, was a visitor in Charleroi on business ness Thursday.

W. E. McFall was in Canonsburg Thursday transacting business.

Orlando B. Anderson the son of J. F. Anderson, of 1004 Meadow avenue, has arrived home from the navy to visit 15 days with his parents. He has been stationed on the ship Georgia. Anderson during the two years in which he has been in the navy has been to France and England and came here from China He has 18 months yet to serve before his term of enlistment expires.

J. E. Masters is in Pittsburg today to look after business matters.

Miss Marie Fisher is spending the day in Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Miksch of Washington avenue are visiting friends in Perryopolis.

Mrs. W. A. Miksch and her three daughters, Nora, Laura and Gertrude left this morning for Put-in-Bay, O., where they will visit friends

Christopher Mogan of Crest avenue, who is the first assistant superintendent of the Pittsburg Steel plant at Monessen left this morning on a two weeks business and pleasure trip to Chicago, Milwaukee and other points west

Will Hold Festival.

The Young Girl's class of the Baptist Sunday School taught by Mrs. C. C.Wright is planning for an ice cream and raspberry festival to be held on Friday afternoon and evening on the lawn adjoining the Baptist church. The affair will be as a benefit.

Mission Topics Are Discussed

Out-of-Town People Attend Meeting of Church Society

A largely attended and interesting meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the M. E church was held at the home of Mrs S. E Rodgers in Fallowfield township Thursday. A number of visitors were present from various places. The forenoon was spent in a social way and at noon a bountiful luncheon was served by the hostess. At 2 o'clock the meeting was called to order by the president. After the business was transacted Mrs. Vankirk of Pitsburg had charge of the session. She gave an impresive talk on mission work, explained the jubilee year and made a strong plea for new members Mrs. Baker, the district secretary, spoke encouragingly on the growth and Mrs. A. M. Doak of Wellsburg brought greetings. Mary McKean was made a life member by the Little Light Bearers. A solo was rendered by Miss McCormick of Pittsburg.

VIEWERS NAMED BY THE COURT

Six Men Named to Serve Permanently in Washington County

WILL RECEIVE $5 A DAY

Following out the provisions of a recent Act of Assembly Judge J. F. Taylor at Washington Monday afternoon appointed the permanent board of viewers for the county. This county is entitled to not less than six or more than nine. The court appointed six at this time and the other three may be appointed later.

Of the new board one member has to be a civil engineer and one a member of the bar. The act also provides for a stenographer and clerk to the board of viewers but in this county the work it is believed of a stenographer and clerk can be handled by some one of the commissioners office force. The viewers have to be freeholders They are paid $5 a day for each day they are on duty. The list follows:

Civil engineer, William Wylie, Washington.

Memebr of the bar, Grant E. Hess, Washington.

T. S. McCurdy, Monongahela
C. C. Dunn, Morris township.
John S. Lee, Crosscreek.
James W. Walker, West Pike Run

Festival.

Raspberry and icecream festival Friday afternoon and evening. Held by Young Girl's class of Baptist church on lawn next to Baptist church 25 cents. 281t2

Havoc Wrought at Monessen by Terrific Discharge--Shock is Felt by the Entire Town

HEAVY LOSS SUSTAINED

Ontario Chemical Company and Page Wire Fence Company Suffer---Windows Broken Squares Away

An explosion of gas in a main leading into Monessen at about 9 o'clock this morning did damage to the extent of thousands of dollars. The entire town was shaken by the explosion and windows eight squares away from the scene of the accident were broken

Gas had been leaking. it is supposed at the main at the northern end of town in the vicinity of the Page mill all night. Apparently it was not known, or if there was knowledge of the leaking of the main, it was not considered dangerous. A spark from a locomotive is supposed to have set it off

With a noise that could be heard in Charleroi the gas let go The Ontario Chemical company's plant which is in close proximity to the plat where the explosion occurred was partly demolished and the Page Wire fence company's warehouse was badly damaged. These two companies together sustained a probable damage of $5.000. Two houses across a culvert from where the explosion occurred were practically wrecked. Furniture in them was destroyed. They were owned by foreigners. The Iowa school three squares away had every window broken. Windows were broken and damage generally done over the town.

There were three explosions, one at 9 o'clock, another at 9:30 and another about an hour later. The first was the most severe and did the damage People in the vicinity of the place were panic-stricken. It took some time to shut off the gas sufficiently and no one dared go near the place after the first explosion.

A number of people in the vicinity of the explosion and living in houses a few squares distant were injured by flying glass, and pieces of wood. No blame has been placed upon any one yet but in all probability the cause of the accident will be investigated.

School Board to Meet.

The regular monthly meeting of the school board is scheduled to be held tonight. One important matter that may come up is that of the resignation of Prof. D. C. Willard, as principal of Hight School and the question of a man to fill the vacancy.

Firemen Grateful

At a meting of the Charleroi Fire Department held Wednesday evening a vote of thanks was tendered Rev. J. T.Hackett, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, for preaching the sermon to the firemen on June 18. Little other business of importance was transacted.

Schram self-sealing jars 50c per doz. at City Grocery. 281t1

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres R. H Rush, Cashier

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July 6 In American History.

1747—John Paul Jones (Johnal'aub, distinguished American naval commander, born in Kirkbean, Scotland, died in Paris July 18, 1792.

1759—Commodore Joshua Barney, gallant naval officer in the Revolution and war of 1812, born, died 1818.

1902—General Daniel Morgan, Revolutionary hero, died; born 1736.

1905—The remains of Paul Jones formally delivered to the United States government by France.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.) Sun sets 7.30, rises 4:32; moon sets 1:19 a. m.; 10 a. m., planet Venus at greatest elongation east of the sun, farthest east from that body—viz, 45½ degrees; now almost directly approaching the earth at a speed of 1,300 miles a minute.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

The remarkable outpouring of the residents of Charleroi at the playgrounds opening in "The Pines" on the Fourth is ample demonstration that the movement is most timely. It was a most democratic gathering, and in addition to many of Charleroi's best people who take an interest in the social uplift, there were large representations of the foreign residents of the town who are forging ahead in the assimilation of American ideas. This is what the promoters of the playgrounds movement most desire—to impress upon the citizens of the town generally that the grounds are not for any particular class but are for the whole people, and that any and all are not only welcome, but all are cordially invited to take full advantage of the playgrounds for themselves and their children.

In view of the marked success of the playgrounds in Charleroi the people should forward a movement for making the project permanent. This is pre-eminently a public function just as surely as is the collection of taxes for the maintenance of the police department and the paving and sewering of the town. The old time theory that the municipality has no other functions but the maintenance of the police department and the paving and sewering of the town. The old time theory that the municipality has no other functions, but the maintenance of the unremunerative public utilities has long since been exploded. The public can have pretty nearly what it wants these days, and the progressive towns are beginning to see that by owning some of the remunerative utilities, such as gas, water, light and traction, it can derive revenues enough to cater to the comfort and welfare of the people instead of creating valuable business franchises for private corporations.

The playgrounds movement is a step toward municipal ownership of public utilities, as it shows the responsibility of the municipality toward its children and the convenience and comfort of the residents who create the conditions which make possible great public utilities, the benefits of which should accrue to the public.

A COSTLY MISTAKE.

Events are rapidly shaping toward conditions which will convince the public that a gigantic blunder has been made in Washington county in the construction of and maintainance of roads under the Flinn law. With the enactment of the new State Highway law the advantages of counties improving roads under the provisions of the State plan are more apparent. Washington county, with the roads already constructed and approved, have saddled a debt of approximately a million dollars upon the county which might just as well have been partly borne by the State and the townships and boroughs through which the roads pass. But for the political play and hope of political advantage the improvement of roads in Washington county under the Flinn law would never have been played up. The county could have spent just as much money under the Sproul or State law, with the manifest advantage of having the roads under the inspection of the State engineers, as well as receiving State aid for maintenance.

The fact that the repeal of the old Sproul law, by the enactment of the new State Highway law which abrogated all the petitions for improvements under the Sproul law, showed that the townships in Washington county were willing to co-operate in the building of 225 miles of road should have been sufficient for the county commissioners to have adopted the State plan instead of the county plan. Instead they petitioned the grand jury for improvements for 51 miles of road at a cost of $857,000 to be borne exclusively by the county, when various townships in the county would have been willing to have taken a part of the burden off the taxpayers.

On the authority of written statements from the State Highway Departments as far back as 1907, that department rendered an opinion that there was nothing in the Sproul law to prohibit counties and townships from bearing the entire expense of constructing State roads under the Sproul law when the State aid fund was exhausted. Had the commissioners at that time taken advantage of that condition the county would today have been far ahead in the matter of road improvements, because the townships would have been able to contribute nearly as much as the county. The new law for State aid roads shows the superiority over the county plan with infinitely greater results for the same degree of taxation. It is a safe prediction that the time is not far distant when road improvements under the Flinn law in the county will be entirely abandoned for the State aid improvements.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

This warm weather should at least move the ice from the river.

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If there is not some excitement at the end of the baseball season when the race is getting close there is surely something wrong.

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Putting up a bluff sometimes gets a man licked.

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Candidates who for various reasons think they are logical are about due to make their appearance in readiness for the next primary.

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Anyhow getting a tally of the votes cast at the primary won't be so uncomfortable in September as it always was in February.

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If this warmth keeps up there is not much doubt but that the fashion will change for no coats and much coolness.

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It's nice enough to be a king but unless he can command the use of more than one electric fan he isn't much better off than an ordinary rich man.

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Hobble skirt, harem skirt,
Fol-de-rol-lol!
What's Fashion's coming spurt?
No skirt at all?

—Chicago Post.

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It takes a whole lot more time to get over the Fourth than it does to come to it.

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A woman wonders what a husband is for, if not to take the blame when things refuse to go right.

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An umpire in a ball game has just as hard a job and works just as much as the players. His sole honor is in his pay envelope.

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It must be admitted that a big hat on a girl's head on a hot summer day looks more comfortable than one of the small affairs that resemble a sitting hen.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

A grim reminder of the law's vengeance was brought to light at Washington the other day when the county commissioners threw into the discard an old scaffold which, in the gentle art of hanging was considered in the light of a last year's hat—out of date. The scaffold had been used to execute Wilham West, the murderer of the Crouch family, who expiated his crime on the gallows February 26, 1891. This was before murders in the county were of every day occurrence, and the hanging of West marked a momentous event in the criminal annals of Washington county.

West who was colored, was hanged for killing the Crouch family near Bentleyville May 13, 1890. The murder was a most atrocious deed, and stirred the whole county. Before his hanging West attempted suicide by stabbing himself in the neck with a nail. When hanged he was in such a weakened condition that he had to be strapped to a board. The rope broke twice before the hanging was successfully carried out. The execution took place in the old jail yard that was formerly between the old sheriff's residence and the court house. George E. Lockhart was sheriff at that time. Executions are now conducted within the jail, a platform being built over the railing of the rotunda on the second floor on which a scaffold is erected.

UNIVERSITY OF FRANCE.

Essentially the Same Today as When Established by Napoleon.

In the United States there are many universities which are free from state control, but in France there is only one university, and it is an absolute instrument of the state. It is true that there are schools of higher learning, which were founded in 1870 as universities, but five years afterward the title was withdrawn, and they are now called "instituts." They are five in number and are located in Paris, Lille, Lyons, Toulouse and Angers.

But the University of France is an entirely different organization. It is the official school. It is centralized in Paris and has under it a vast multitude of establishments, faculties, college and primary schools, distributed over the whole surface of the country. Directly or indirectly they all depend on the government.

The university was established by Napoleon, and in spite of certain modifications which it has undergone during years it is the same today in its essential elements as the day he founded it. Just as he established the entire civil administration, with its prefects, subprefects, judges, ministers of finance, so he created in 1806 this vast educational organization, with its countless professors, who control the entire intellectual training of France.—America.

The History of Interest.

By "usury" the ancient teachers meant any interest that was exacted by the lender of money from the borrower solely as the price of the loan. Those who lent money at 3 per cent, or even 1 per cent, were committing usury quite as really as those who lent it at 40 per cent. The old time prejudice against interest was based on the theory, at one time quite universal, that "money is sterile by nature" and that, therefore, to exact profit from it is both absurd and unjust. For centuries pretty nearly all the authorities in church and state were committed to such idea, and it was not until quite recent times that the old error was exploded.—New York American.

POLITICAL ADVERTISING

HOMER H. SPRIGGS

FOR COUNTY OFFICE

Nomination for County Treasurer Sought by East Washington Man

HOMER H. SPRIGGS.

Homer H. Spriggs, of East Washington, formerly of West Bethlehem township is a candidate for the office of County Treasurer at the next Republican Primaries, Sept. 30, 1911.

Mr. Spriggs was born and raised on a farm in West Bethlehem township. He served five years as rural mail carrier when the service was first inaugurated in this county.

He has made his own way by hard work. After leaving the rural delivery service he came to Washington and entered the Real Estate business residing in East Washington. He is at the present time, and has been for several years a member of the council in that borough, and has devoted much of his time and service to interests pertaining to the welfare of his community.

In presenting himself to the voters he promises if elected by them to the office of County Treasurer, that he will conduct the office strictly in business principals. He will furnish his own bond and deposit the funds to the best interests of the taxpayers. He favors a salary basis for the office of County Treasurer; and should the present fee system be continued he will be satisfied with whatever arrangement our commissions may be deemed just and reasonable by the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Spriggs has the very best prospects for the nomination, and counts his friends as legion among his host of acquaintances along the River sections of the County. Having an unusual large acquaintance among all classes of people in every section of the county, all that he asks is that his numerous friends will do all they can to aid and help him in his run for the office, all which he will appreciate to the utmost.

The Republican primaries are held September 30.

Fleeced the Queen.

When George IV was crowned it was feared that the discarded Queen Caroline might appear and create a scene at Westminster abbey during the ceremony. A gentleman of the name of Chutneigh offered to go into the anteroom where Caroline was waiting and keep her engaged until the conclusion of the ceremony. That was a time when nearly everybody gambled and the discarded queen was no exception to the rule. After a few casual remarks about the weather Chutneigh took three cards from his pocket and invited Caroline to "spot the lady." Time and again she backed her judgment with money and each time lost. Then she played higher stakes in the hope of retrieving her ill fortune. Her last guinea had been taken in by Chutneigh before she remembered her intention to be at the coronation. But it was too late. The ceremony was over, and the new king, "the greatest blackguard in all Europe," was on his way to the palace. To Mr. Chutneigh, who thus holds the credit of introducing the three card trick into England, a pension was granted.

Anticipated.

Gerald—I want to ask you one question. Geraldine—It's none of your business how old I am.—Exchange.

Fitting Name.

Willis—He calls himself a human dynamo. Gillis—No wonder; everything he has on is charged.—Judge.

Notice.

Sealed bids will be received by Borough Clerk of Carleroi for grading curbing and paving Seventh and Eighth streets from Fallowfield avenue to Washington avenue until July 18, 1911.

Plans and specifications can be seen in Borough Engineers office, borough building. Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Ira L. Nickeson,
Borough Clerk

Charleroi, Pa., July 6, 1911 281-2w

Things Are Changed Now.

The Fourth of July, the day of our arrival at Albany, was the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, and on our arrival we were told that great preparations were making for its celebration.

Our landlord, as soon as he found out who we were, immediately came to us to request that we would excuse the confused state in which his house was, as this was the anniversary day of "American independence," or, as some indeed more properly call it, "American repentance." We were all of us not a little surprised at this address, and from such a person. Instances, however, are not wanting of people openly declaring that they have never enjoyed so much quiet and happiness in their own homes since the Revolution as they did when the states were the colonies of Great Britain. Among the planters of Virginia I have heard language of this sort more than once.—From "Travels Through the States of North America," by Isaac Weld, Jr., 1795.

A Wedding Hoax.

There have been many foolish hoaxes since the days of Theodore Hook, but few so cruel as one mentioned by Bram Stoker in his book, "Famous Impostors." "A young couple were about to be married in Birmingham when those officiating were startled by the delivery of a telegram from London with the message: 'Stop marriage at once. His wife and children have arrived in London and will come on to Birmingham.' The bride fainted, and the bridegroom was frantically perturbed at thus summarily being provided with a wife and family. But it was useless—the unhappy man had to make the best of his way through an exasperated crowd, full of sympathy for the wronged girl. Inquiry, however, showed her friends that the whole thing was a hoax—possibly worked by some revengeful rival of the man whose happiness had been so unexpectedly deferred."

The Archbishop's Shirts.

One of the archbishops of Bordeaux, Mgr. de Sangay, was remarkable for his charity, giving to the poor, as he did, nearly everything in his possession. It happened at one time that he was without linen, and when his servants spoke of buying what he needed he put them off, saying always, "We will see about it." Then the good old woman in charge of his wardrobe made use of stratagem. "Monsignore," she said, "I come to ask your charity for a good work." "What is it, my good Jeanne?" "With your lordship's permission, I wish to spend some hours in which I have not much to do in making shirts for a poor old man who is sadly in need of them. Perhaps you would pay me for the stuff." Indeed, the good old man expects as much from you." "With the greatest pleasure," said the archbishop. "Here: this is all the money I have. Take it and get what you need." By this means he was provided with shirts, and he could not refrain from laughing when he learned the explanation of his faithful old servant's request.—London Globe.

The Old Time Senators.

A recent overhauling of a desk in the office of the District of Columbia health officer brought to light a small volume entitled "The Medical Register of the District," which contained a complete list of the senators of the Thirty-ninth congress, giving their weight, height and head and chest measurements. The author of the book, Dr. J. M. Toner, says in explanation of the table:

"It shows that in all the points observed our senators exceed the average of mankind in all parts of the world as well as the average of our own country."

From the figures given it appears that the tallest senators at that time came from Kentucky, the shortest from New Hampshire and West Virginia. The average height was five feet ten and a half inches, and the senatorial heads, "measured a little lower than the hat is generally worn," showed an average circumferance of twenty-two and a half inches. Fourteen of the forty senators were six feet tall.—Washington Star.

Travel at Home.

"Whenever I get the wanderlust," says the philosopher, "I get the cook to born the steak and serve me some coffee that tastes as though it had brown pepper in it. Then I sit in the most uncomfortable chair in the house and try to read a newspaper in a poor light. I then go outdoors and let a cinder blow in my eye, then go back in and go to bed on a cot that is four inches too short and a foot too narrow for me, with covers that gather themselves about my waist and leave my feet bare, while a clever contrivance sends alternate hot and cold blasts across me. Next morning I have indigestion, a sore eye and a cold and a fine assortment of aches and pains, but I also have all the sensations of having been on a trip and am spared the worry of getting home again, for I am already there."—Life.

The Trouble.

"So she doesn't return your affection, eh? Well, I shouldn't get mad about that. What's the use of bothering about a girl?" said Watkins.

"I don't mind her not returning my affection," said Dobleigh, "but, confound it, she won't return my diamond ring, either!"—Harper's Weekly.

When a Joke's Not a Joke.

To the joker who writes jokes for a living it isn't much of a joke when the editor can't take a joke.—Lippincott's.

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JOHN BANISTER.

An English Violinist Who Won Fame In the Seventeenth Century.

Public concerts owe their direct encouragement to John Banister, who had won fame by his playing on the violin and who succeeded the celebrated Baltzar as leader of Charles II.'s band of twenty-four violins. Pepys, in an entry in his diary for February, 1667, tells us the court gossip of the day—"how the king's viallin Banister is mad that the king hath a Frenchman come to be chief of some part of the king's musique."

Banister's concerts at the close of the year 1672 were advertised in the London Gazette as follows: "These are to give notice that at Mr John Banister's house (now called the musick school), over against the George tavern in White Fryers, the present Monday will be musick performed by excellent masters, beginning precisely at 4 of the clock in the afternoon, and every afternoon for the future precisely at the same hour."

Four years later on we read again, "At the academy in Little Lincoln's Inn Fields will begin the first part of the parley of instruments, composed by Mr John Banister." The admission was at this time as a rule a shilling, and these concerts seem to have been held pretty regularly—down to within a short time of Banister's death, which took place in 1679.—London Graphic.

The Peanut.

The common peanut originally came probably from tropical America. Peanuts were introduced into the United States in the days of the colonies. Botanically the peanut belongs to the same group of plants as beans and peas, but the peanut matures its fruit or nut under the surface of the soil, not above ground, as do most other leguminous plants. Properly speaking, the peanut is a pea rather than a nut, the term "nut" having been added on account of its flavor, which is similar to that of many of the true nuts. The peanut is known under the local names of goober, goober pea, pindar, groundpea and groundnut.

Tricking the Bobby.

A Dublin eccentric a short time ago entered a purveyor's shop and bought a ham. Having paid for his purchase, he requested that it should be hung outside the shop door, saying that he would call back for it. The customer then paced up and down outside the shop till a policeman came in sight, and just as the man in blue caught his eye he grabbed the ham and bolted. The constable, however, soon collared the thief, as he thought, and hauled him back to the shop. Having explained the nature of the alleged crime to the shop assistant, he asked the latter to charge the offender.

"But," said the assistant as he realized the joke, "it's his own ham. He was quite at liberty to take it in any circumstances he chose."—London Answers.

Weatherwise Birds and Fish.

The seagull makes a splendid living barometer. If a covey of seagulls fly seaward early in the morning sailors and fishermen know that the day will be fine and the wind fair, but if the birds keep inland, though there be no haze hanging out toward the sea to denote unpleasant weather, interested folk know that the elements will be unfavorable. Of all weatherwise fish the dolphin is the most remarkable. During a fierce gale or a storm at sea the mariner knows that the end of it is near if he can see a dolphin or a number of that fish sporting on the high sea waves.

Two of a Kind.

"Oh, George," sighed the lovesick maiden, "I'm sure I'm not worthy to be your wife."

"Well," replied George wearily, "I'm not worthy to be your husband, so we're just about matched."—Catholic Standard and Times.

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A Terrifying Hat.

When the French artist Benjamin Constant was traveling in Morocco he was invited by the sultan to present himself at court at Fez. The painter's first thought was in regard to his costume. "Court" in Europe was one thing; in Morocco it was likely to prove something different. There was nothing to do, however, but to wear his ordinary evening clothes. He was ignorant of the fact that the Moors look upon black garments as very vulgar, and it was only after his arrival that he learned his mistake. The courtiers smiled openly; worst of all, they sneered. The painter was a man of hasty temper, and suddenly, nettled by their insolence, he closed his opera hat and sprang it open in the faces of the jeering crowd. They scattered, yelling with surprise and fear. The sultan heard the noise and demanded the cause. After he had seen and examined the wonderful hat he gave this oracular opinion:

"If I had lived a hundred years in your country and adopted all your other customs I could never have brought myself to set on my head so hideous a contrivance as that!"

Painfully Explicit.

The proprietor of a certain hotel in Europe has posted up the following warning to his guests:

"Gentlemen who come in this hotel not say anything about their meals they will be charged for, and if they should say beforehand that they are going out to breakfast or dinner, and if they say that they not have anything to eat they will be charged, or unless they bring it to the notice of the manager, and should they want not to say anything, they must order the manager for, and not any one else, and unless they not bring it to the notice of the manager, they will be charged for the least things not, according to hotel rate. And no fuss will be allowed afterward about it, and nothing will be allowed to deduct anything out of it."

After this explicit information there surely could be no excuse for misunderstanding.—Boston Globe.

Surprising the Bullock.

In times of crisis and worry a kind word has been known to have surprisingly good results. The unexpectedness of such a word is perhaps the secret of its force. A late book, "On the Wool Track," backs the moral with an anecdote.

A team was working on the Broken Hill road, and a bullock—the Beelzebub of the team—had gone obstinate, and the coach was passing. The whip was swinging, and some apt remarks were just forming on the back of the teamster's tongue when he caught sight of a clerical hat on the front seat and just in time thought better of it. He coughed politely.

"Ahem—Strawberry," he said, "proceed!"

To his obvious astonishment Strawberry proceeded.

The Indian's Vision.

More or less wonderful accounts have from time to time been given of the powers of vision possessed by savage races. During a British anthropological expedition to the Torres strait the visual faculty of the natives was carefully tested, and from these tests the conclusion was reached that the excellence of vision shown by the savages has a psychological origin—that is to say, it arises from knowing what to look for. When the civilized man acquires familiarity with the environment he can see as far as they can. Thus the power of an Indian to tell the sex of a deer at such a distance that distinguishing features like antlers were invisible was found to rest upon his knowledge of the peculiar gait of the male deer.—Scientific American.

Wondrous Tact.

As an example of graciousness and tact Matthew White tells in Munsey's Magazine of a London clergyman who was called on to address an audience of actors. Alluding to the better social status of the players the clergyman said that in former days it was sometimes customary to brand them as vagabonds and bore a hole in their ears with an awl that the citizens might thus be forewarned. "And who knows," the clergyman added, "but that it is a survival of an endeavor to hide this mark of indignity that causes some of the actors even today to wear their hair long?"

Bottles and Rags.

"Bottles and rags, bottles and rags!" called out a rag and bone man as he plied his calling.

"Why do you always put these words together?" asked a passerby.

"Because, madam," replied the man, courteously touching his hat, "wherever you find bottles you find rags!"—London Family Herald.

A Shellfish Thought.

"Funny, isn't it"—

"That what?"

"That when a fellow's affairs have reached the blue point he never declares that the world is his oyster?"—Judge.

The Ruthless Razor.

Lady Customer (in furniture shop)—What has become of those lovely sideboards you had when I was last here? Salesman (smirking)—I shaved 'em off, madam.

Sympathy.

Cora—Have you seen my new photographs, dear? Every one says they look exactly like me. Dora—What a shame! Can't you get another sitting?

Chiefly the mold of a man's fortune is in his own hands.—Bacon.

QUAINT MARRIAGE NOTICE.

William Cullen Bryant Broke the News Gently to His Mother.

The following letter from William Cullen Bryant to his mother, quoted by Professor Clubb in "Stories of Authors," indicates that the author of "Thanatopsis" could enjoy his little joke on occasion:

"Dear Mother—I hasten to send you the melancholy intelligence of what has lately happened to me. Early on the evening of the eleventh day of the present month I was at a neighboring house in this village. Several people of both sexes were assembled in one of the apartments, and three or four others, with myself, were in another. At last came in a little elderly gentleman, pale, thin, with a solemn countenance, plenritic voice, hooked nose and hollow eyes. It was not long before we were summoned to attend in the apartment where he and the rest of the company were gathered. We went in and took our seats. The little elderly gentleman with the hook nose prayed, and we all stood up. When he had finished most of us sat down. The gentleman with the hooked nose then muttered certain cabalistic expressions, which I was too much frightened to remember, but I recollect [illegible] to understand that I was married to a young lady of the name of Frances Fairchild, whom I perceived standing by my side and whom I hope in the course of a few months to have the pleasure of introducing to you as your daughter-in-law, which is a matter of some interest to the poor girl, who has neither father nor mother in the world."

SHIELDED THE LADY.

A Tactful Head Waiter Balked an Offensive Hotel Guest.

To illustrate an incident that occurred in a hotel uptown the other night, where, if you are not known, you have to produce some sort of patent of absolute respectability, construct a rectangle, lettering the imaginary diagonal corners A, B, C and D.

A represents a solitary male person dining. B represents a comely person of the opposite sex seated at another table with a party. C represents a head waiter and D a group of the unemployed waiters. Let the line AB represent an admiring look that travels continuously. BA represents a look of annoyance. CA and CB are comprehending glances directed by the head waiter.

The point C moves toward D, making a triangle. After a whispered direction a figure which may be termed O, because it represents a particularly rotund waiter, moves from the point D until it reaches a point on the line AB. O moves back to position.

A finds that his ogle stops at O, which he cannot see through, and calls O to take an order. Thereupon C motions toward D, when another waiter, traveling on the line DA, effects a junction with A and goes off at a tangent. A craues his neck, stretching to one side or the other, but it cannot get past O. The result is that A finally sees what is up, finishes his coffee in sheepish disgust and leaves the room.—New York Sun.

Astrology With Risks.

Formerly they had rough and ready modes of testing claims to supernatural powers.

"Dost thou know where thou wilt pass Christmas?" asked Henry VII. of an astrologer. He could not tell.

Whereupon the king's grace, which did love a merry jest, made answer, "Then I am wiser than thou, for I know that thou wilt spend Christmas in prison."

John Galeazzo, duke of Milan, is said to have made even merrier at the expense of an astrologer who foretold him that he would die early.

"And how long do you expect to live?" he inquired of the prophet.

"My lord, my star promises me a long life."

"Never trust to your star, man; you are to be hanged today," and the duke took care that his own prediction should be fulfilled.

Killing One Fly.

Every fly begins as an egg deposited in some kind of organic filth. It hatches into a tiny maggot within a few hours, begins to feed and grow, completes its growth and comes out as a perfect fly in possibly ten days. It then requires at least fourteen days to mature its first batch of eggs, and it may live to mature and deposit at least six layings, of from 120 to 150 eggs each. This means that in killing one fly we may be preventing the hatching of nearly a thousand others.—Youth's Companion.

Two Kinds of Curiosity.

Philanthropic Visitor (to jailbird)—My friend, may I ask what it was that brought you here? Jailbird—The very same thing that brought you here—the desire to poke my nose into other people's business, only I used generally to go in by way of the basement window.—Exchange.

Mean.

Miss Mugley—I always try to retire before midnight. I don't like to miss my beauty sleep. Miss Pepprey—You really should try harder. You certainly don't get enough of it.

Two Sides.

Willis—Why don't you go to church? Gillis—Too far. Why don't you go? Willis—We live next door to one, and I hate to get all dressed up just to go that little way.—Puck.

By the work one knows the workmen.—La Fontaine.

First Flying Ambulances.

A valued servant and friend of the great Napoleon, Dominique Larrey, first established that system of "flying ambulances," which carried the wounded to the rear almost as soon as disabled. The staff numbered about 340 men with four heavy and twelve light two and four wheeled ambulances to each division. Napoleon reviewed this arm of the service with the greatest interest and once exclaimed to Larrey: "Your work is one of the most important conceptions of our age. It will suffice for your reputation." For the Egyptian campaign Larrey secured the services of 800 qualified surgeons in addition to the regular force. At Alexandria General Figueres was severely wounded, and on his recovery wished to present Napoleon with a splendid Damascus saber. "Yes," said the emperor, "I accept in order to give it the surgeon in chief, by whose exertions your life has been spared." This saber, engraved with the words "Aboukir" and "Larrey," was taken from the great surgeon by the Prussians at Waterloo.—Charles Winslow Hall in National Magazine.

The Horrors of Thirst.

In the oasis of Mogara, says L. Dow Covington in the Wide World Magazine, we had a first experience of the [illegible]. We were seated in front of a Bedouin chief's tent, our two baby camels enjoying their first drink of water since they had left Cairo, when, from across a sand dune, a Bedouin came staggering and tottering toward us. His eyes were bloodshot, his lips twice their natural size, while his tongue blue and dry, hung out of his mouth. Evidently he had lost himself, had wandered around for days in search of water and had stumbled upon the oasis in the very nick of time. To allow him to drink would have been his death. In spite of his frantic struggles, he was held by four men, while a fifth allowed a few drops of water to trickle down his throat. It was as though he were a redhot boiler which would have to be allowed to cool off before being filled if an accident was to be avoided.

Objected to Publicity.

Old Brother Brown had been approached several times by the colored deacons of his church and asked to pay his church dues. He had promised to "pay up" just as soon as he sold a calf which he owned. Several months later he sold the calf. The next Sunday morning at service the congregation sang the old familiar hymn:

The half has never been told
Of life so full and free

Brother Brown, somewhat deaf and conscious of his failure to pay his dues, understood the words to be:

The calf has never been sold,
But when it's sold he'll pay

When the hymn was finished the old colored man, very indignant, arose and said:

"Bredren and sistahs, I has sold dat ca'f and heh's yo' ten dollahs! But I didn't ca' about de whole chu'ch singin' about it."—National Monthly.

A Costly Tuft of Feathers.

On the apex of the crown worn by the Prince of Wales on special occasions is a curious feather, or, rather, tuft of feathers, the top of which is adorned with a gold thread. The value of this feather is estimated at $50,000, and it has the distinction of being the only one of its kind in human possession. Twenty years passed after the first hunter set out to procure the feather before it was attained, and during that period more than a dozen hunters had lost their lives in the quest. The costly tuft is of periwak feathers, and the extraordinary danger incurred in procuring it was due to the fact that the periwak, for some unknown reason, is to be found only in dense jungles in which tigers make their lair.—Chicago Tribune.

Turning the Turtle.

Turtle hunting is not without excitement. The method of capture consists of the simple act of turning the turtle on its back. Once in this position it is quite helpless. Its only defense is to cover its captor with sand thrown up by the powerful front legs or flippers. These are brought into action in an instant, and woe betide the captor who has his eyes and mouth open at the moment, for the sand is hurled with great force. When turned over the captive is dragged up the beach to above high water mark, and this is no easy task, for it weighs about four hundredweight.

Premeditated.

"And why do you claim that it was with malice aforethought that the automobile defendant ran down the complainant?"

"On the morning it happened, your honor, I heard him say that he was going to take out his new auto and see if he could not run across a few people he knew."—Houston Post.

A Giddy Girl.

"Is your daughter of a practical turn of mind?"

"No; she is very frivolous. Wants to take cooking lessons instead of perfecting her game of bridge."—Exchange.

His Honest Face.

"Anyway, he has an honest face."

"Honest? You surprise me."

"Yes; it's the only honest thing about him. It shows how dishonest he really is."—Life.

Not Misplaced.

Backer—You got trimmed bad. I thought you said you were confident of the result. Pugilist—I was. I knew I'd get licked!—Puck.

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The Bear He Missed.

Telling in his book of some hunting experiences near the north pole, Captain Sverdrup wrote: "Walruses and [illegible] also the large arctic bare, which seems to have contracted the peculiar habit of frequently running long distances on its hind legs. Hunting was not always easy, the atmosphere playing strange tricks with the eyesight, as witness the following account of the stalking of a bear: 'With the utmost caution, with his gun ready and his eye fixed inexorably on the bear, Seriel advanced to the spot. Meanwhile the bear sat wagging its head, but keeping a good lookout, it appeared, for when Sehlei had come some twenty steps nearer it rose and flew away. It flew as well as any bird, which, after all, was not remarkable, for it was a glaucous gull.'"

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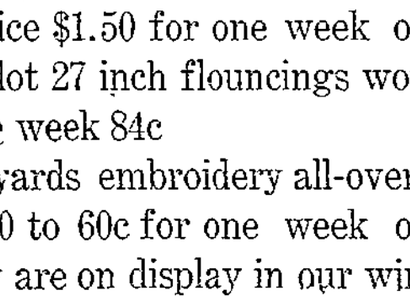

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EPISCOPALS WIN LOOSE CONTEST FROM METHODISTS

Giving ragged support to Pollock, pitching winning ball the Methodists were deservedly beaten by the rapid going Episcopals Wednesday night by the score of 10 to 8 The Episcopals smote the horsehide rather regularly but in a way that would not have counted for much had it not been for poor fielding and an annoying lack of system among Bege's cohorts

It looked very Methodist like up until the third inning. To that juncture the score was 2 to 0. Errors began to crop out with an occasional hit and the Episcopals managed to score two in the third. The Methodists got three swipes at the ball in the same session and coupled with two errors worked in a run.

Four hits and an error in the fifth meant four runs for the Episcopals During the Methodist half Pollock hit a three bagger and scored on an error. In the sixth the Episcopals lammed the ball twice and with an error got one

Tieing the score in the sixth the Methodists scored three. Getting two hits a base on balls and a man being hit brought about the tie. The next inning the Episcopals pulled off three good lams at the spereoid and were helped along by a dropped fly until they got three scores. The Methodists were able to only make one run in their half. Score:

Episcopals	R	H	P	A	E
Johnson, r	1	2	0	1	0
Cratty, p	1	2	1	2	2
Jenkins, 3	2	1	1	3	1
Guder, c	1	2	11	2	1
Crumrine, l	0	1	7	1	1
Kuhn, s	1	1	1	3	0
C. Roberts, 2	1	2	6	2	1
Hott, m	0	1	0	0	0
Briggs, l	3	1	0	0	0
Total	10	12	21	14	6
Methodists	R	H	P	A	E
Balza, s	1	0	1	2	2
McKean, l	3	2	2	0	1
Protin, 3	1	1	6	0	0
Bege, c	1	2	3	1	0
Kent, m	0	0	0	2	2
Binns, l	0	0	8	0	2
L. Bege, 2	1	0	1	1	1
Pollock, p	1	2	0	9	1
Barnett, r	0	0	0	0	0
Jimeson, r	0	0	0	0	0
Snyder, r	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8	7	21	15	9

Episcopals . 0 0 2 0 4 1 2 1— 10
Methodists .....2 0 1 0 1 3 1— 8

Two base hits—Johnson 2, Guder, Pollock, Jenkins, Roberts Three base hits—Pollock Stolen bases. Guder, Crumrine, McKean 2. Jimeson. Sacrifice hits—Cratty, Hott, McKean. Hit by pitcher—L. Bege. Double play. Protin (unassisted.) Bases on balls—Off Cratty 3. Struck out—By Cratty 9, by Pollock 2.

Charleroi Church League

Yesterday's Results

Episcopals 10, Methodists 8

Standing of Clubs

	W.	L.	Pct.
Lutherans	8	1	889
Episcopals	7	3	700
Catholics	6	3	667
Baptists	5	4	556
Christians	4	5	444
First Pres	4	6	400
W. A. Pres	2	7	222
Methodists	1	8	111

Games This Week

Thursday

Lutherans vs. Christians

Friday

Baptists vs Methodists

BASEBALL BINGLES

Pollock tried hard to win but he couldn't do it all. He not only pitched a good game and one that should have meant only about half the hits credited for the Episcopals, but at the bat lammed the ball properly. Out of three times at bat, he got one beautiful three bagger and one lovely two bagger.

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McKean and Briggs were the chief run getters. Both got three.

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Frank Protin seems to be just getting started. He is playing that third corner in a way that demonstrates his ability, and is beginning to face the horsehide some too. On base he is a hard man to catch, having that Ty Cobb fade-away slide down to perfection.

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Capt Billy Kuhn of the Episcopals is now working in town and is eligible to play.

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Crumrine was badly bothered by the sun on a throw from Jenkins in the third and let the ball slip through his grasp. The error was not a dangerous one

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"Scissors" McIlvaine will try to have his best team on the field for "Dick" Guy's Pittsburg Collegians Saturday. Being that Long John has about three whole teams from which he picks his stars, it might be a hard matter for him to decide his lineup.

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Father Bill Cratty twirled in place of Briggs who was sent to left field. And William didn't do such poor heaving either, let it be written.

Greenland's Exclusiveness.

Greenland, with its icy mountains, is very exclusive, and so far from inviting visitors, it even makes it inconvenient for tourists to land on the little bit of occasionally green land that surrounds its great heart of perpetual ice. Permission must be had from Denmark. Denmark is, indeed, very careful and conservative in the management of Greenland affairs The trade there is monopolized by the state, and only government vessels are welcomed to Greenland waters. This is to protect the Greenlanders from unscrupulous merchants. The state also fixes both the price they shall pay for food and the price they shall sell at.

Saves Time For His Wife.

They were discussing their husbands, neither of whom was distinguished for his domesticity.

"My husband amuses me," said the hostess, "by the excuses he has for being detained downtown of evenings Sometimes I can almost hear his brain working out an excuse as he tiptoes up the stairs."

"My husband," said the caller, "is different. He is a very systematic man, you know, and some time ago he wrote out a list of various excuses and numbered them. Now, when he comes in he just calls up the stairs, 'No. 4,' or 'No. 20,' or whatever the number may be."—Judge.

Hugo and Dumas.

During Victor Hugo's exile Dumas went to Guernsey, where Hugo received him kindly and took him to breakfast on a rock overlooking the ocean. It did not take Dumas long to discover that Hugo was already posing as the proscribed prophet, and the poet said, with an Olympian wave of his hand, "You see me, my dear Dumas, on my rock of exile like the proscribed one of antiquity."

"Never mind," said Dumas, with his mouth full. "The butter is far better here than in Paris. There is no disputing that."

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INTERPRETATION OF RULES SHOWS WRONG DECISION

Is is understood that the afternoon game on the Fourth may be protested by the Episcopals. The point of argument lies in the fact that while at [illegible] of the sixth inning, Kuhn was called out for interference. The play in question created a heated argument, and for a few moments the vicinity of home plate was crowded with nearly all the players from both teams, as well as a number of fans, both young and older, who had congregated to listen to the argument of both players and umpire. Umpire Byland's disposition of the play was, to say the least, somewhat peculiar, and the fact that he immediately changed his decision served only to complicate matters.

The play in question is as follows. Cratty came to bat in the sixth inning after Bragg had been retired, and laced a beautiful hit to left field for three bases. The signal was passed for the squeeze play. With Kuhn up, the attempt was made. As pitcher Beno started to wind up, preparatory to delivering the ball to the batter, Cratty made a dash for the plate The ball was high, but Kuhn, in an honest effort to assist his team mate, swung at the ball, and in doing so, stepped out of the batter's box. Catcher Fagula, anticipating interference at the plate, possibly, came in on the ball as Kuhn swung at it, missed it, and Cratty crossed the plate.

Immediately trouble arose. Umpire Byland first of all called Cratty safe and Kuhn out for interference. This decision raised such a howl of protest, and justly so, that the umpire evidently saw the unreasonableness of it, and immediately changed it, this time sending Cratty back to third, and calling Kuhn out. Umpire Byland was wrong in his decisions, in that, under the rules, both Cratty and Kuhn should have been declared out. Section 5, Rule 51, says: "The batsmen is out if he attempts to hinder the catcher from fielding or throwing the ball by stepping outside the lines of the batsman's position, or in any way obstructing or interfering with that player." Again, Section 23, Rule 56, which applies to "when baserunners are out," says: "If, with one or no one out, and a base runner on third base, the batsman interferes with a play being made at home plate." Furthermore, Kuhn, in batting while out of the batsman's box, was liable to penalty in accordance with Rule 50, which reads as follows: "An illegally batted ball is a ball batted by the batsman when either or both of his feet are upon the ground outside of the lines of the batsman's position.

It is evident, from the above quotations from the rules of organized base ball, that Umpire Byland was really lenient to the Episcopals in his ruling on the play. Under no circumstances could he have allowed Cratty to score, and he really had no right to allow Cratty to return to third base, because, having declared Kuhn out for interference, Cratty should also have been penalized for his part in the play.

Bathing In Ancient Times.

The ancient Spartans were very definite as to the right and wrong kinds of bath. A daily dip in the river was permissible, and so was a dry bath in a chamber heated with warm air by means of a stove. But the warm water bath remained a mark of effeminacy, as it had been in Homeric times. No public warm baths were permitted in the vigorous days of early Athens. Antiquity comprises the extremes of practice in this matter of bathing. There were the Dardanians, a Balkan people, who were said to bathe only three times—at birth, at marriage and after death. At the other end of the scale stood the later Roman emperors, with seven or eight baths a day. And they are all dead!—London Graphic.

A Different Brand

"I'm troubled with insomnia."

"So am I. I've had it for a year. The doctor calls it neuris insomnis paralaxitis."

"Gee! I've only had mine six months, and its mother calls it Arthur."—Cleveland Leader.

Knew His Geography.

Teacher — Robert, where are the Rocky mountains? Robert—In the geography, teacher; page 4.—Puck.

Ancient Rome's Libraries.

The libraries of ancient Rome were immense and splendid. Lucullus, whose name is associated with table luxuries, expended much of his wealth on books. His library, says Plutarch, had "walks, galleries and cabinets open to all visitors" Julius Caesar proposed to open this library definitely to the public.

How were these vast libraries, in addition to the book shops, filled? With his trained staff of readers and transcribers, a publisher could turn out an edition of any work at very cheap rates, and almost at a moment's notice. There was no initial expense of typesetting before a single copy could be produced, no ruinous extras in the shape of printers' corrections. The manuscript came from the author; the publisher handed it over to his slaves, and if a book of modest dimensions, the complete edition could be ready, if necessary, within twenty-four hours. Actually then books were produced and sold more easily and quickly in ancient Rome than they are in modern London.—T. P.'s London Weekly

The "Iliad" Not a Myth.

The fall of Troy after a ten year siege by the Grecian princes about 1184 B. C. has long been considered as a rather mythical foundation for Homer's immortal epic the "Iliad." But in 1870 the excavations of Schliemann on the reputed site of Troy brought to light under the ashes of two superincumbent fortress cities the remains answering to the descriptions of Homer and a hidden vault containing goblets, bowls, vases, gems, jewels, armes de luxe and like articles in gold, silver and bronze. These treasures are now generally acknowledged to be the veritable remnants of the once vast riches of Priam, which, although depleted by ten years of costly warfare in the purchase of supplies and mercenaries and the final sack of the ruined city, were thus preserved to enrich the museums of Europe and greatly increase our realization of the wealth and art of that ancient Ilium, which we have hitherto been disposed to consider a poet's dream.—Charles Winslow Hall in National Magazine.

Old Carving Terms.

In a list of carving terms in use in 1696, which appeared in Dr. Salmon's "Receipts," are the following:

"Leach that brawn. Lift that swan. Rear that goose. Spoil that hen. Fract that chicken. Sauce that capon. Unbrace that mallard. Unlace that coney Dismember that heron. Disfigure that peacock. Display that crane. Untach that curley. Unjoin that bittern Allay that pheasant. Wing that quail. Mince that plover. Wing that partridge. Thigh that pigeon. Border that pastry. Thigh that woodcock. Break that hare.

Mrs. W. W. Hunter of Buffalo this county, is visiting her son, Dr. J. W. Hunter of Washington avenue.

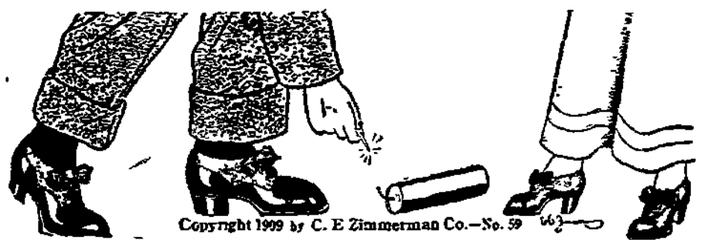
North Charleroi

The work of painting the Monessen-Charleroi bridge is being completed.

Albert Wilson has entered the employ of the Valley Crystal Ice and Storage company.

Clarence Frost has removed to Homestead.

When J. G. Rylands of the Wellington Hotel, Charleroi, momentarily lost control of his Buick automobile Tuesday evening it hit a pole at the Charleroi end of the bridge The glass in the wind shield was broken but there was little other damage done.



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